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June 24, 1986

Hon. William Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Aves., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Bill:

I am writing this letter to you today because I am extremely troubled by recent reports I have received which indicate that the FBI has dropped its investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh.

Both you and Buck Revell have repeatedly assured me that you have given this investigation the highest priority both in terms of manpower and in terms of interest.

The entire Arab-American community is concerned because of lack of results in the investigation. This lack of results, in a way, gives credence to the reports that the investigation has been dropped.

Can you tell me exactly what progress you have made with the investigation into Alex Odeh's murder? Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

James G. Abourezk

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I agree with this statement completely, and would like to add my voice to this legitimate request.

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Honorable William Webster  
Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Aves, N.W.  
Washington, DC, 20535

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Hon. William Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Aves., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Hon. Webster:

Mr. Alex Odeh an American citizen was murdered by terrorist group in the U.S.A. The FBI should be able to continue the investigation to find the murderers and punish them.

If these political terrorist groups are able to kill and get away with it, then nobody will be safe in this country, including you and me.

Please give this case your highest priority and attention to keep our freedom in this country.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr Webster,  
We understand the FBI  
has dropped the investigation  
into the terrorist murder of  
Alex Odeh. Especially in light of  
the Reagan Campaign against Palestinians,  
he would at least be seen as  
fair if he let you seriously pursue  
this case of terrorism against an  
Arab-American. [redacted]  
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WILLIAM H WEBSTER, DIRECTOR F.B.I., WX

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Dear [Redacted]

Your July 11th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

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I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [Redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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William H Webster  
Director FBI

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Dear Mr Webster OUTSIDE SOURCE

This morning's paper had three  
articles under terrorist title.  
All about overseas situations

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This is an anomalous situation  
when we hear nothing about  
any action directed towards  
punishing or identifying our  
USA terrorists who murdered

Alex Odeh

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Subely the FBI and USA  
is leaving itself open to inconsistency  
and neglct by not doing something  
in this matter.

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Please do something to restore  
our self respect

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William Webster - Director  
Fed Bureau of Investigation  
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July 22, 1986

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear [redacted]

Your July 14th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

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Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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Dear [Redacted]

Your recent communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

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Sincerely, DE-159

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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July 23, 1986

Hon. William Webster, Dir.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Aves. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster,

On behalf of our membership in Southern California, I would like to express our disappointment in the lack of results of the investigation into the murder of our friend and colleague, Alex Odeh.

As you should well understand, we are highly concerned regarding the progress of the investigation. We are concerned that the person/s responsible for Mr. Odeh's murder be punished, as well as for the safety of the Arab American community.

Could you please update us on the progress of the investigation into Alex Odeh's murder, at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely,

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Alex Odeh

Greater Los Angeles Chapter  
 National Association of Arab Americans  
 Post Office Box 27880  
 Los Angeles, California 90027

Dear [redacted]

Your July 23rd communication, on behalf of your organization's membership in Southern California, to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this case and bring it to a prosecutable stage. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from being specific in my comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
 Assistant Director  
 Office of Congressional  
 and Public Affairs

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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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July 23, 1986

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William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigations  
10th and Pennsylvania Aves., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

I was sorry to hear reports recently that indicate the FBI is no longer actively pursuing its investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh, a California leader of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. It would be very unfortunate if such reports were true.

The apparent motive for the murder of Mr. Odeh was his support of Arab causes, and it is alleged that radical Jewish organizations in the United States may have struck against Mr. Odeh because of his public comments on the question of American policy in the Mid East. That is to say, Mr. Odeh may have been murdered because he spoke publically on a political issue.

Like all Americans, I would be very disturbed if such politically motivated assassinations were not rigorously and fully investigated and prosecuted. A clear message must be sent that a democratic society cannot tolerate violence intended to restrict or punish free speech and the free exchange of opinions. I hope the FBI and the Justice Department intend to send such a message.

I would appreciate it if you could, at your earliest convenience, send me assurances that the investigation continues and is being vigorously pursued.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Attorney General Edwin Meese III  
Rep. John Convers

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July 23, 1986

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Dear [redacted]

The July 12th communication from you and [redacted] to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from being specific in my comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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August 12, 1986

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Dear [Redacted]

Your July 23rd communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

The FBI has not dropped its investigation. We are making every effort to resolve this case and bring it to a prosecutive stage. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that we in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, which cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved and we will continue to make every effort to fulfill our responsibilities to safeguard the American people.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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Hon. William Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Aves., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am writing this letter because I have not heard any recent news about the investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh, and I fear that you may have dropped the investigation.

As an Arab-American, I am very concerned about the attack on Alex Odeh and other Arab-Americans, especially those attacks which are politically inspired. These terrorist attacks must end if myself and other Arab-Americans are to feel safe in this country.

Could you please tell me what progress you have made, if any, in the murder of Alex Odeh, Ismail Faruqi, and in the attacks on ADC offices in Boston and Washington. Are all of these cases being investigated by you? Do you believe that they are linked? And do you still feel that Arab-Americans are in a "zone of danger"? Please answer my letter as soon as possible as these issues are of great concern to me and other Arab-Americans.

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August 22, 1986

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Dear [redacted]

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Your July 29th communication to Judge Webster expressing concern regarding the murders of Alex Odeh and Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established. The FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

We also are looking into the bombing outside of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's office in Boston; however, the fire at the building which housed the Washington, D. C., offices of that organization is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, because it clearly falls within that agency's investigative jurisdiction. If there is an indication of terrorist activity, then we may be asked to assist in the investigation.

Although we also share your concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife, there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We will afford every possible assistance to the local law enforcement authorities investigating these murders in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions.

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Please be assured that we would take immediate and appropriate action should information be developed which would indicate a matter within the purview of the FBI. Every cooperation is being extended.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

NOTE: Response re murder of ALEX ODEH is based on information previously furnished by SA [REDACTED] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk. In addition, ASAC [REDACTED] Philadelphia Office, has advised that the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities. The FBI is offering assistance through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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PMS HONORABLE JUDGE WEBSTER, DLR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, 10TH AND PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
WASHINGTON DC 20535

HONORABLE JUDGE WEBSTER: YOU OWE IT TO EVERY AMERICAN IN THIS LAND,  
NOT ONLY TO ARAB-AMERICANS, TO LET THEM KNOW THE PROGRESS REPORT OF  
YOUR INVESTIGATIONS OF THE MURDER OF ALEX ODEH. THANK YOU. SINCERELY  
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Dear [Redacted]

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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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JUL 23 1986

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William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, USA  
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear William H. Webster: ~~Miscellaneous Non-Subversive~~

I am appaled at the lack of progress in the investigation of the murder of Alex Odeh; and request hearing from you why this case has not been given adequate attention.

Respectfully Submitted,

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July 23, 1986

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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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July 10, 1986

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Dear Mr. Webster,

I recently heard reports that the FBI has dropped its investigation of the murder of Alex Odeh. This deeply disturbs me. Mr Odeh's murder was nothing less than domestic terrorism and it should be treated as nothing less. The FBI investigation should continue with earnest until the terrorists are brought to justice.

Is it true that the investigation has been dropped? If not, I would like to know what progress is being made on the Odeh case.

Sincerely,

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William Webster  
Director, FBI  
10th and Fern. Ave., NW  
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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
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Hon. William H. Webster  
Director - FBI

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Washington DC

~~Mr. Webster~~

Dear Mr. Webster

We would like to know what progress the FBI has made in the investigation of the murder of Mr. Alex Odeh last year. There are reports that the FBI may abandon the investigation. This will be very distressing to us a every law abiding American. We most respectfully urge you to do everything you can to bring justice to the case.

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Hon. William Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th & Pennsylvania Ave NW  
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July 23, 1986

~~Miscellaneous Non-Subversive~~



Dear [redacted]

The July 10th communication from you and [redacted] to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

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Sincerely,

(5) 62-122174-18  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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Hon. William Webster  
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10th St. at Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Webster,

~~Miscellaneous Non-Subversive~~

I am writing to urge your agency to continue to investigate the murder of Alex Odeh, an activist for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Even if the news media has afforded his murder much less coverage than the violence perpetrated against Americans of non-Arab descent, the offense is a grave one and the perpetrators should be brought to justice.



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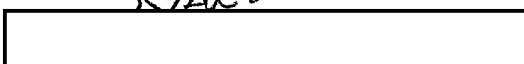
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Dear [Redacted]

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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Dear [Redacted]

Your July 8th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

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I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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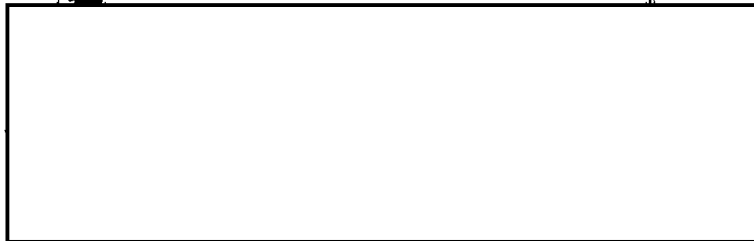
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July 14, 1986

Hon. William Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau Of Investigation  
10th. and Pennsylvania Aves., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

~~Confidential~~

Honorable Mr. Webster;

I am writing this letter to you today, because I am extremely troubled by recent reports I have received which indicate that the FBI has dropped its investigation into the murder of Mr. ALEX Odeh. Will be very nice if you give this investigation the highest priority both in terms of manpower and in terms of interest.

The entire Arab-American community is concerned because of lack of results in this investigation. The Arab-American will like to know, what progress you have made with the investigation into Mr. Alex Odeh murder. Please, let me know at your convenience.

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Dear [Redacted]

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Sincerely,

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Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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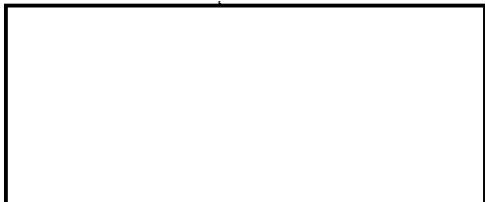
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Mr. William Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Aves., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20535

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Dear Mr. Webster,

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I hope that the FBI's silence on the terrorist bombing murder of Alex Odeh does not indicate that the FBI is not actively and effectively pursuing this and other cases of intimidation, bombing, arson, attempted murder, and murder of Arab-Americans.

In May, the Village Voice demonstrated that journalistic investigation can yield not only the names of the leaders of terrorist organizations working on behalf of a foreign power, but also their confessions, no, their boasts, of terrorist activities directed against Jewish Americans, Arab-Americans, and any others whom they believe disloyal to Israel.

"Equal justice under the law" demands that the FBI vigorously act towards the arrest and conviction of all terrorists, and not only the neo-Nazi racists of the Pacific Northwest.

"Equal justice under the law" also demands that you continue your effective investigation of both espionage and other crimes that they are carried out by Israelis and their American agents, as well as by former U.S. Naval personnel.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your July 11th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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July 14, 1986

Hon. William Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Webster:

I recently received a copy of [redacted] letter to you 6/24/86.

The Alex Odeh case, as you know, is a case of terrorism committed on American soil by Americans against an American. I sincerely hope that the "recent reports" [redacted] received are not true and that the FBI remains dedicated to its initial commitment--to find and help prosecute those terrorists that murdered Mr. Odeh.

I met Alex Odeh last year in Washington, D.C. He was a man of peace. You missed meeting a gentle soul whose main purpose in life was to seek friendships and to bring others together. Alex invited me to be the [redacted] at the annual American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's banquet in Los Angeles. I accepted. A few months later Alex was murdered.

I appeal to you, with mind and heart, to continue your investigation. The FBI represents this nation. Your organization reflects America and your men and women have the expertise to solve this crime.

To drop this case would mean a loss of confidence not only in the FBI, but in the ability of our nation<sup>not</sup> to discriminate--namely, some people are worth your effort, others are not. I seriously doubt such discrimination exists within the FBI. Your strong leadership has shown that the FBI stands for freedom and justice for all.

Do let me know the status of your involvement, within reason, with Mr. Odeh's case. May God rest his soul.

Peace and good wishes to you and yours, Mr. Webster.

Sincerely,

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July 28, 1986

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Southern Illinois University at  
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Edwardsville, Illinois 62026

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Dear [Redacted]

Your July 14th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that the FBI has not dropped its investigation of the Alex Odeh murder. We are making every effort to resolve this case and bring it to a prosecutable stage. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

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The Hon. William Webster, Director  
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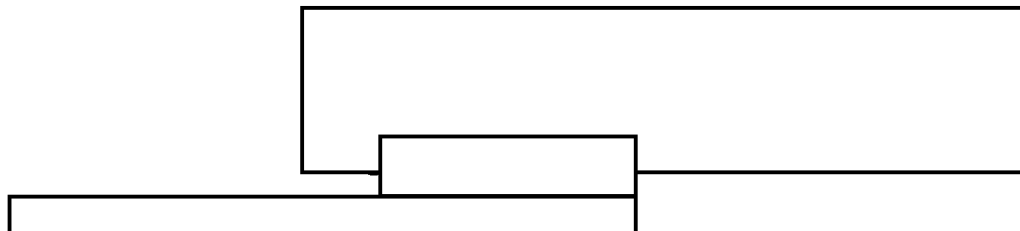
Dear Mr. Webster:

I hope this letter comes to you in good spirits and it finds you in excellent health. You have a top-notch job, one that all of us can be proud of.

Is it true that the F. B. I. has ended its investigation into the bombing and murder of Alex Odeh? Mr. Odeh was the Arab-American from the West Coast who entered his office and was bombed. He died. The newspapers I read in this area felt it was caused by members of The Jewish Defense League. I cannot conceive of an American doing such a thing unless there was some kind of Middle East connection via religion. I do not know of any Christian organization that goes about bombing individuals because they disagree with them on Middle Eastern politics.

Don't you believe as director of the F. B. I. that you should request a continual investigation into the death of Mr. Odeh, especially now with recent news releases of spys for Israel, charges of corruption, etc. with that country and its relationship with us.

Don't you also get tired of continually reading about Arab terrorists. Now we have a court trial in Italy going on. Let's keep up the interest in tracking down "Jewish terrorists" in this country and bring them to justice; if in fact we can prove they are guilty. I say this because, again, of what I have read in the local papers as it relates to Mr. Odeh.



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Alex Odeh with daughters. Odeh was killed after speaking up for PLO

## ARABS IN U.S.

### Life in 'zone of danger'

Phones of Arab Americans ring with death threats, hate mail arrives. Offices and mosques are bombed and torched.

All are signs of an upsurge in anti-Arab feeling. Even the FBI warns that Arab Americans have entered a "zone of danger."

Those who defend the Palestine Liberation Organization are at particular risk. Alex Odeh, West Coast director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, was killed by a bomb at his Santa Ana, Calif., office last October 11 after saying that the PLO had no part in the *Achille Lauro* hijacking.

After a TWA airliner was hijacked to Beirut, anti-Arab violence flared. An exploding bomb taken from the ADC office in Boston hurt two policemen. Bombs were hurled into a Houston mosque. Islamic centers were sacked in San Francisco, Dearborn, Mich., and Bethesda, Md. The *Achille Lauro* terrorism was followed by a fire that destroyed ADC offices in New York. Bomb threats and beatings occurred in Syracuse, N.Y., and New Haven, Conn., after the U.S. air attack on Libya.

Suspicion has fallen on militant Jewish groups.

The FBI suggests a link between them and Odeh's slaying. Irv Rubin of the Jewish Defense League, while denying his group's involvement, said he had "no tears for Mr. Odeh."

"We are being made scapegoats for affairs in which we had no part," says former Senator James Abourezk, ADC head.

As many as 3 million people of Arab descent live in America, mostly U.S. citizens. The Detroit area has the largest concentration. Says Harold Samhat, Detroit ADC president: "Many are recent immigrants and themselves victims of war and t..."

by Kathryn Johnson

# U.S. News & WORLD REPORT

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Sincerely,

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Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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Hon. William H. Webster

Director, F.B.I.

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10<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Webster:

I am very much concerned about the lack of results concerning the death of Alex Odeh. The President has repeatedly spoken against terrorism, and yet no action has been taken to investigate terrorism in this case on our own soil. I am not of Arab descent or family, but I sympathize with their concerns in this matter.

Certainly, terrorism abroad is a serious problem, but surely we should be even more concerned about the terrorist groups in our own country. Let's get on with this case before other innocent people are injured or killed.

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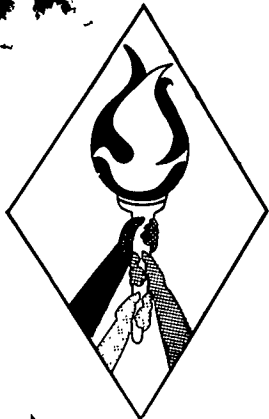
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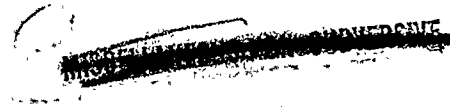
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July 11, 1986

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Mr. Floyd I. Clarke  
Criminal Investigative Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Clarke:

We wrote you on October 18th last year concerning the murder of Alex Odeh in southern California. In response to our letter from you on December 10, 1985, you stated "...we are committing all the FBI's available resources to investigate this matter in order to determine the individual or individuals responsible." Now we are being told that the FBI may no longer be investigating this case.

We are deeply concerned about this case. Please write immediately and let us know if the FBI is still investigating the Alex Odeh case.

Deeply concerned,



Human Rights Program

cc: Rep. John Conyers

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Your July 11th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

The FBI has not dropped its investigation of the Alex Odeh murder. We are making every effort to resolve this case and bring it to a prosecutable stage. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from being specific in my comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

Sincerely,

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Director William H. Webster  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1900 Half Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Webster:

I heard on the news the other night that after nine (9) months, and despite the fact that you view the investigation as one of your upmost priorities, the FBI still has no leads for the murder of Alex Odey in Orange County last year. That's simply mind boggling to me and I can't help but wonder if your mind is boggled as well.

Precisely what is the status of the investigation? Do you have any suspects? Do you know when you might have someone in custody? With all of the technical resources and manpower at your disposal, how could you not make any progress after nine months? Can you please answer those simple questions for me without jeopardizing your investigation or breaching security?

Rest most painfully assured that I, for one, have not forgotten about Alex Odey's murder and I will make certain that neither my congressional representatives, family nor friends forget either.

It's a very sorry day for America when murderers can strut away with total impunity after blowing a citizen in half(!) and leave behind a destitute widow with three pre-school daughters.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.  
I will very much look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

cc: Hon. David Dreier  
Senator Pete Wilson

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September 30, 1986

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National Council on Islamic  
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Post Office Box 416  
New York, New York 10017

Dear [Redacted]

Your September 14th communication to Judge Webster has been referred to me for response. You expressed your concern and that of the members of your organization for the lack of positive results by the law enforcement community in resolving the incidents involving the murders of Alex Odeh and Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife. We can certainly appreciate and are well aware of the Arab-American community's desires to have these matters resolved as quickly as possible.

Senseless acts of violence cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed all of its available resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. We are investigating the death of Alex Odeh, which was determined to be the result of such activity. It is of great importance to the FBI to bring about a successful resolution through the eventual prosecution and incarceration of the individual or individuals responsible for this crime. Such goals, however, do not lend themselves to any established schedule. Our efforts in this regard will continue in an attempt to bring this case to the prosecutable stage.

Since there has been no evidence of a Federal violation within the FBI's investigative authority, we have not actively investigated the murders of Dr. Faruqi and his wife. We are, however, affording every possible assistance to the Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Police Department, which is investigating this incident. We will continue to provide the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions, as well as help in the coverage of out-of-state leads. Every cooperation is being extended to the local authorities in this matter, and should their investigation develop information which would indicate a violation of Federal law within our responsibilities, we will take immediate action.

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I can assure you that the FBI is totally committed to fulfilling its responsibilities to the American people. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to explain our efforts in these matters.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent, who wrote to Judge Webster on behalf of the NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ISLAMIC AFFAIRS stating they were concerned that neither the FBI nor the local police in Philadelphia have been able to apprehend the murderer(s) of Dr. ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife, nor have the FBI and local authorities in California arrested the murderer(s) of ALEX ODEH. He states they believe nothing is being done and asked what the FBI has done in these matters. Similar replies have been given in connection with other citizens' inquiries in these matters.

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July 30, 1986

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Dear [redacted]

Your July 19th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

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1/s/ DE-167 62-122174-37  
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Office of Congressional  
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Director William H. Webster  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1900 Half Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C.

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Webster:

According to recent news reports, the FBI still has no leads in the murder investigation of Alex Odeh in Orange County last year. CNN and the Los Angeles Times suggested that the investigation (unofficially) has been dropped or placed on the "back burner."

Is that true? If that is indeed the case, then I firmly believe that you would do this country a great favor by resigning your directorship of the FBI. Then your gutless services could be put to better use at the local ASPCA.

It may interest you to know that Alex Odey worshipped with me at my church in Garden Grove two (2) weeks prior to his murder. (Alex was a Christian, not Moslem, if that makes any difference to you in the grand scheme of things.) Our congregation was very upset about Alex's murder. His widow now supports three little daughters; Alex had no life insurance.

Here's a possible lead for you and I'm quoting directly from The Village Voice, May 6, 1986, "Nice Jewish Boys With Bombs," by Robert I. Friedman:

"When Victor Vancier joined the JDL in 1971, he was a junior at Jamaica High School in Queens. Three years later he was convicted for his first felony---a JDL firebombing of a Soviet diplomat's car in Manhattan. Vancier served two months on Rikers Island....

"Vancier was also one of the JDL's most notorious bombers. [Emphasis mine] After committing a wave of bombings and arsons for which he says he was never arrested, in December 1978 Vancier and another JDL member were convicted of firebombing 11 Egyptian diplomatic targets in New York, Virginia and Maryland. Vancier served 16 months of a 21-month sentence in federal prisons in New York and Florida....In August 1983 Vancier founded a JDL splinter group called the Jewish Direct Action, which claimed responsibility for firebombing the Soviet U.N. diplomatic residence in the Bronx in 1984."

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Director William H. Webster  
July 19, 1986  
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I have a few questions for you and I would appreciate your immediate response:

- o Have you, in fact, dropped the investigation or placed it on the "back burner?"
- o Precisely what is the status of the investigation?
- o If the JDL is one of your prime suspects, then why is the investigation taking so long?
- o What reassurance can you give me that the perpetrator will be brought to justice?
- o How much longer will the investigation take?

I have not for one moment forgotten about Alex Odey's murder and I have no intentions of forgetting about it. I will make certain that neither my congressional representatives, family nor friends forget either.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I will very much look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. David Dreier  
Senator Pete Wilson

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July 31, 1986

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Dear [Redacted]

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Office of Congressional and Public Affairs

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July 12, 1986.

Mr. William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Webster:

The purpose of this letter is to request your attention into two matters of grave concern to Americans of Arabic descent:

1. the investigation into the murder of Mr. Alex Odeh
2. the issue of terrorism and harrassment against Arab-Americans.

As you may recall, Mr. Alex Odeh, a member of the American - Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), was killed in his California office shortly after a television appearance in which he had spoken on behalf of Palestinians. Obviously, this is an example of terrorism in its extreme -- but, the FBI has yet to solve the case. In fact, it has been said that you are being pressured to drop it all together. Considering that the FBI report on domestic terrorism in 1985 cited Jewish extremists as the most frequent perpetrators of such acts, one might begin to wonder if the "powerful Israeli Lobby" is again influencing the right to free speech of anyone daring to speak out on behalf of the Arabs or against any actions taken by the Israeli government. I personally have received threatening telephone calls and have had eggs thrown against my house following "letters to the editor" I have written to the Kansas City Star-Times. Believe me, it isn't easy to let your voice be heard within the democratic process when we have a group trying to stifle it for the good of some other country. Mr. Webster, I urge you to continue your investigation into Mr. Odeh's death and to help crack down upon the perpetrators of harrassment against Americans of Arabic descent.

Yours truly,

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Dear

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You do not provide enough information to determine if the incidents to which you have been subjected involve violations of Federal law falling within our investigative authority. If you have additional information, you may wish

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to provide it to a representative of our office located in Room 300, United States Courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, or telephone 816-221-6100. You should also make any threats you receive immediately known to your local law enforcement officials.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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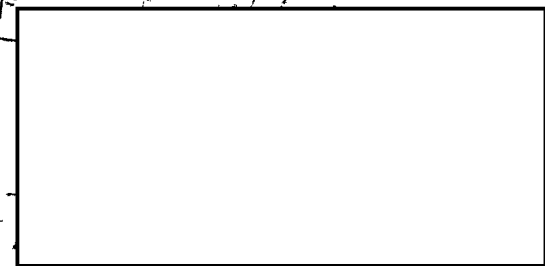
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OUTSIDE SOURCE

July 23, 1986

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your July 15th communications to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from being specific in my comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

Sincerely,

15162-122174-45  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

1 - Los Angeles - Enclosures (3)  
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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [Redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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HONORABLE WILLIAM WEBSTER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 10TH &  
PENNSYLVANIA AVE N.W.  
WASHINGTON DC 20535

ALEX ODFH HAS BEEN MURDERED BY TERRORISTS AND HIS KILLERS HAVE NOT  
BEEN BROUGHT YET TO JUSTICE

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July 25, 1986

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure  
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July 14, 1986

Mr. William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

REFERENCE: The Alex Odeh Investigation

SUBJECT: Lack of Progress and Termination of Case

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am deeply troubled to hear from the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) that your investigation of the terrorist murder of Mr. Alex Odeh has not been the all-out effort that is most certainly justified. Mr. Odeh's death represents a victory for that person or group of persons, possibly even foreign nationals, who seek, through the use of coercion and deadly violence, to prevent Americans, and especially Arab Americans, from engaging in legitimate political activity.

I am equally appalled by the politics of this investigation. The almost non-existent media coverage of this atrocious act and investigation, compared to the deaths of Americans attributed to residents of countries disliked by the present presidential administration, appears to reflect a political decision by the FBI, through the lack of appropriate press releases and reward offers for information, to the Odeh affair because of its connection to Zionist-sponsored terrorism which may even be directed by elements residing in Isreal, such as the notorious [redacted]

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Certainly your own sources of information, coupled with what little information the so-called free press of this country chooses to release (such as the relatively recent articles that appeared in the Village Voice written by Robert Friedman, titled Nice Jewish Boys with Bombs and In the Realm of Perfect Faith: Israel's Jewish Terrorists), should produce an all-out investigation of all known violent Zionist groups in this country and abroad and their sympathizers, including violent fundamentalist Christian sects. It is a matter of record that a known member of one of them, the Jewish Defence League (JDL) (if my memory serves me correctly), said of Odeh's death, "He got what he deserved"

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The violent tactics of Zionist groups in this country, such as the JDL, definately strike fear and intimidation into the hearts of all Americans who wish to publicly question the twisted relationship between this country and Israel. One can hardly discuss political protest regarding this matter without hearing responses from one's audience that such activity may result in death threats, fire-bombed houses and cars and similar violent acts. It is a fact that the JDL or the Jewish Defense Organization (JDO) has bragged about the

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usefulness of its violently coercive reputation. I cannot help but suspect that the failure to apprehend those responsible for the death of Alex Odeh, and that of similar victims, may be a deliberate policy, based on foreign policy goals of this and past presidential administrations, that purposely seeks to squelch public debate about US policy toward Israel by allowing such violent groups to go unchecked. What dirty, dirty politics!

If the FBI wishes to counter my deep suspicions, which must certainly be shared by other Americans, and reliable information which has come to my attention regarding the fact that the FBI may no longer be investigating this case, then it must immediately announce to the public that it has not ended the investigation into Alex Odeh's death. And it must increase its efforts by orders of magnitude. Those responsible must be brought to justice. Those contemplating similar future violence must be made aware of the fact that such activity will result in a massive, unrelenting investigation and prosecution to the fullest extent of the law!

[REDACTED]

cc:

Congress Sander Levin  
US House of Representatives  
323 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Senator Carl Levin  
US Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Donald Riegle  
105 Dirksen Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Congressman John Conyers Jr.  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

Mr. Edwin Meese III.  
US Attorney General  
US Dept. of Justice  
Washington, DC

[REDACTED]

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee  
1731 Connecticut Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20009

July 29, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

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Dear [redacted]

Your July 14th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply. We appreciate your deep concern and the interest which prompted you to write and furnish us your observations.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure  
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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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FELLOW AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED ALLERGISTS

July 10, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Mr. William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear

It has become apparent that there is a lack of progress in the investigation into the death of an Arab-American, Alex Odeh, who was killed in a bombing, that the FBI has, in the past, laid at the doorstep of the Jewish Defense League.

At approximately the same time, as the death of Mr. Odeh, I started to receive telephone threats, in the course of which I was called a Jewish anti-Semite, a Jew hater, and my life and property, and those of my children were threatened, only because I did not, and do not, believe that all that the State of Israel does is wholly righteous, and place the interests of these United States before those of the State of Israel. I have such messages on tape, and can produce them on demand.

This constitutes the initiation of domestic terrorism, that, in its own way, is much more serious than terrorism at a foreign airport, as terrible as that may be.

I beg you to investigate further the death of Mr. Odeh, the terroristic acts and threats against Arab-Americans, and the threats against other Americans, including Jewish-Americans such as myself, by the lunatic fringe of what appears to be a portion of the American-Jewish community.

Sincerely,

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July 29, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your July 10th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

You do not provide sufficient information to determine if the telephone threats you indicate you have been receiving involve a violation of Federal law falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. You may wish to contact a representative of our office located in the William J. Green, Jr.

1 - Philadelphia - Enclosure

Exec AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_ Attention SAC: Bufiles contain no identifiable information  
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Federal Office Building, 600 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 or telephone 215-829-2700. You should also make any threats to your life immediately known to your local law enforcement officials.

Sincerely,

(S)

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [REDACTED] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James. G. Abourezk.

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

10 July 1986

Department of Justice  
Attorney General  
Attn: Mr. Edwin Meese III  
10th & Constitution Av NW  
Washington, DC 20530

SUBJECT: The Murder of Alex Odeh

Dear Mr. Meese,

In today's mail, I learn that the investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh, has been dropped.

Leon Klinghoffer is murdered and a frenzy of action is immediate and limitless. Alex Odeh is murdered and inaction is epidemic and universal. Poor Mr. Odeh. Without the supreme power of the AIPAC Oligarchy to drum on the doors of government, nothing is done.

JML

As a tenth generation American of English descent, I find the extreme preferences granted to Jewish Americans appalling. An Arab American can expect little more from the government of The United States, than if he were a Palestinian in Israel.

I suggest you investigate the murder of Mr. Alex Odeh, as if his name was Leon Klinghoffer, then we can all be proud Americans.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



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EDWIN MEESE III  
U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, DC

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JULY 14, 1986

RE: ALEX ODEH CASE

AS A U.S. ARMY VETERAN AND AN ARAB-AMERICAN, I URGE YOU TO USE YOUR  
BEST EFFORTS TO BRING TO JUSTICE THE CRIMINALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
DEATH OF ALEX ODEH.

I ALSO URGE YOU TO PLACE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON THE INVESTIGATION  
OF OTHER ATTACKS AGAINST ARAB-AMERICANS OR OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS IN  
THE UNITED STATES WHOS CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE BEING  
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BEST REGARDS,

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Hon William Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Aves., NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am writing to you regarding the Odeh investigation.

I would like to have a progress report on the Alex  
Odeh case.

I know that the Justice Department and the FBI will not treat this case differently from any others. We are all Americans and should be treated equally at all times. I pray that this investigation will proceed quickly.

Sincerely,

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August 1, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear [redacted]

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Your July 22nd communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

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Sincerely,

*WMB*  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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August 11, 1986

The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Judge Webster:

The conflicts and strife in the Middle East and related events involving Arabs (Muslim and non-Muslim) and Muslims (Arab and non-Arab) have had an unfavorable impact on individuals residing in the United States who are of Arab and/or Muslim background. In addition, non-Arab and non-Muslim persons who express political views that may be sympathetic to Arabs and/or Muslims also suffer.

In most instances, this so-called "hate violence" takes the form of verbal abuse, threatening phone calls and letters etc. Nonetheless, this intimidation tends to nullify our First Amendment rights. Deplorable as this may be, the perpetrators of "hate violence" may even resort to murder as was the case with Alex Odeh. The deaths of Professor Ismail Faruqi and his wife may also fall into this category.

Included in our membership are individuals who have been victims of "hate violence". Accordingly, a delegation of our members wish to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss this important issue.

While this letter has focused on the problems of Arabs and Muslims, this is only one facet of a larger problem involving individuals of diverse racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds and we are empathetic to them as well.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Name] Political Committee

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September 11, 1986

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 Political Committee  
 United Muslims of America  
 1564 Market Street  
 San Francisco, California 94102

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear [Redacted]

Judge Webster appreciates your interest in writing and asked me to thank you for your letter of August 11th. Judge Webster, as well as all of us in the FBI, has a real concern for the rights of all groups, and we have committed all of our resources to investigating matters involving terrorist acts.

Late last year, Judge Webster met with James Abourezk, Chairman of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and he has recently corresponded with him to assure him and the members of his Committee of our continued commitment to resolving our investigation into the death of Alex Odeh and other related incidents. In addition, various representatives of the FBI have testified before Congress regarding these matters. Our resolve to give them our full investigative attention has not lessened.

Judge Webster will not be able to meet with your group; however, if it is acceptable, Special Agent in Charge Richard Held is knowledgeable of your concerns and would be pleased to meet with your delegation. Please communicate with him at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102, or telephone (415) 553-7400.

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Sincerely,

*15/ 62-122174-57*  
 William M. Baker  
 Assistant Director  
 Office of Congressional  
 and Public Affairs

- 1 - San Francisco - Enclosure  
 Personal Attention SAC.  
 1 - Mr. Revell - Enclosure  
 1 - Mr. Clarke - Enclosure  
 1 - Mr. W. Baker - Enclosure (detached)  
 1 - [Redacted] - Enclosure (For information)  
 1 - Telephone Room - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that [Redacted] was written by Assistant Director Baker on 6/25/86 in response to his letter expressing concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife.

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JUDGE:

ALEX Odeh

You asked for a recommendation in connection with a letter you received from [redacted] requesting that a delegation from the United Muslims of America meet with you to discuss concerns regarding violence directed against the Arab and Muslim communities. Buck Revell and I believe that there is no need for you to meet with this group. SAC Richard Held is knowledgeable regarding the concerns of this organization and would be pleased to meet with a delegation to discuss their concerns. Attached is a suggested reply over my signature.

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BILL BAKER

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

Wednesday, 7.16.86

Dear Dir. Webster: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

I am extremely disturbed over reports that the FBI is neglecting its investigation of the Alex Odeh murder. The suppression of domestic terrorism is the responsibility of the FBI!

Sincerely,

John G. [redacted]

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WILLIAM H. WEBSTER, DIR.  
FED. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20042

JULY 14, 1986

RE: ALEX ODEH CASE

AS A U.S. ARMY VETERAN AND AN ARAB-AMERICAN, I URGE YOU TO USE YOUR  
BEST EFFORTS TO BRING TO JUSTICE THE CRIMINALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
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I ALSO URGE YOU TO PLACE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON THE INVESTIGATION  
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IN THE UNITED STATES WHOS CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE  
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June 16, 1986

Mr. William Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sir:

I noted your appearance on the CBS Morning News, June 13, along with Soupy Sales, as recipients of father-of-the-year awards; and, on Father's Day, I am sure that you both were surrounded by loving families.

However, such was certainly not the case for the family of Alexander Odeh, the Palestinian-American father of three young children, who was killed on October 11, 1985, in Santa Ana, Calif., as a result of a bombing of his office. There was no celebration on this Father's Day for his children or his parents. Since Mr. Odeh was killed the day after he appeared on television to plead for understanding of the Palestinian cause, following the hijacking of the Achille Lauro, I am sure no one at the Federal Bureau of Investigation has any doubt this bombing was the work of the Jewish Defense League. Yet, no arrests have been made.

It was surely not a happy Father's Day for the family of Ismail al Faruqi, since he and his wife, together with a daughter, were murdered in Wyncote, Pa., on May 27, and another daughter seriously injured. Since Mr. al Faruqi was also prominent in the Islamic world, the murders point with great suspicion to the Jewish Defense League.

With the revelations of the influence of the Jewish lobby in the actions of our Congress and its interference in our political process, together with current charges of Israeli spying it is understandable why the Federal Bureau of Investigation is reluctant to open these cans of worms.

As a tax-paying citizen of the United States, I would like to know what the status is of the investigations, if any, of these acts of terrorism, no less horrible than those committed in the Middle East or Europe.

Sincerely,

cc: Senator Sam Nunn

62-122174 1625

July 28, 1986

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Honorable Sam Nunn  
United States Senator  
Room 930  
275 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Senator Nunn:

Your communication to the Department of Justice on behalf of [redacted] has been referred to the FBI and brought to my attention.

I have previously responded to [redacted] June 16th letter to Judge Webster. Enclosed for your information is a copy of my July 8th reply to her.

Sincerely,

(5)  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

Enclosure

- 2 - Executive Secretariat - Enclosures (2)  
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1 - Philadelphia - Enclosures (3)  
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1 - Congressional Affairs Office

NOTE: [redacted] wrote to Judge Webster expressing her concern regarding the death of ALEX LIDEH and the deaths of DR. ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife. Her letter acknowledged by Assistant Director Baker on 7/8/86.

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everywhere - except in the USA.  
It is a shame + disgrace  
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August 5, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear [redacted]

Your July 12th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
- 1 - [redacted] - Enclosure

NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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PETE WILSON  
CALIFORNIA

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

July 22, 1986

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Congressional Liaison  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Office of Congressional Affairs  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director:

[redacted] has requested my assistance with his attempt to obtain information about the murder of Alex Odeh. I have enclosed the information that I received. *deceased*

I would greatly appreciate your review of this matter to determine the appropriate assistance for my constituent.

Please contact [redacted] in my San Francisco office, at the address listed below, if you have any questions or information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Pete Wilson*  
PETE WILSON

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450 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102

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Senator Pete Wilson  
The United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Senator:

I would like to know what the status is in the investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh in a terrorist bomb blast last October. I have heard rumours that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is discontinuing its efforts to apprehend Odeh's murders. I would like to know if this is true and, if it is true, then I want to know what you plan to do to assure that Odeh's killers are brought to justice.

The fight to end terrorism begins at home: American jets bombing foreign countries to extirpate terrorism is ludicrous when terrorists import that violence and kill U.S. citizens in California, the state which you represent in the Senate.

Sincerely,



62-122174-66  
ENCLOSURE

August 7, 1986

Honorable Pete Wilson  
United States Senator  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Senator Wilson:

Your July 22nd communication on behalf of [redacted] who wrote you regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

First, I want to assure [redacted] that the FBI has not discontinued its investigation in this matter. We are making every effort to resolve this case and bring it to a prosecutable stage. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can say that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

All of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, which cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. We will continue to commit all of our available resources to investigating those matters where terrorist activity has been determined to be the source.

I hope this information will assist you in responding to your constituent.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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1 - Congressional Affairs Office (detached)

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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk. Based on available information, Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted]

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Dear [Redacted]

Your July 16th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [Redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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WILLIAM WEBSTER, DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON DC 20535

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HAS ALEX ODEH CASE BEEN DROPPED? IF SO, WHY?

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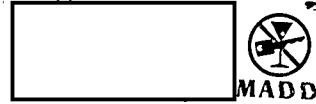
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July 12, 1988

William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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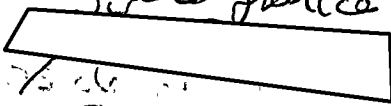
Dear FBI Director Webster,

It is absolutely essential that exhaustive investigations continue into the murder of Alex Odeh of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. Lack of progress in these investigations is a profound concern to the American Arab community and to all informed and concerned people in their commitment against terrorism in all quarters and their search for justice for all people regardless of race or origin.

The attacks against Arabs and Arab Americans, simply because of their background is a completely unacceptable manifestation of racism and a complete violation of the spirit of Liberty which Americans treasure with such pride. The FBI and the Justice Department must make an all out effort in the Odeh case and prove their devotion to justice. Sincerely,

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July 24, 1986

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear [REDACTED]

Your July 12th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

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Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure  
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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [REDACTED] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk. Bufiles indicate she wrote in October, 1985, regarding the death of Alex Odeh.

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Thursday, July 17, 1986

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Mr. Oliver B. Revell  
Assistant Director  
F. B. I.  
Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

[Redacted]

Dear Mr. Revell:

*Alex Odeh*

Please do not continue to jeopardize the trust the American public has in the F.B.I. to conduct effective, unbiased investigative work by your chronic "foot-dragging" in the Odeh case. If justice is not carried out in prosecuting the Jewish extremist group that has completely and repeatedly overstepped its bounds, murders will be commonplace to individuals, no matter how rationally they speak their position, who dare to criticise Jewish and Zionist standpoints. Keep in mind, criticising the Jewish community today only requires one to stand up for Arab rights--that is quite enough to anger terrorist groups into violent action.

Don't let America down, we need you now to set standards for the future.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your July 17th communication to Executive Assistant Director Revell regarding the FBI's investigation of the murder of Alex Sadeh has been referred to me for response. I share Mr. Revell's appreciation for your interest in taking the time to write and express your concerns.

First, I want to assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this case and bring it to a prosecutable stage. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, progress has been made and a definite investigative focus has been established.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Revell - Enclosure
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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [Redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James Abourezk.

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WILLIAM H WEBSTER, DIRECTOR FED BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON DC 20535

THIS IS A CONFIRMATION COPY OF A TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO YOU:

I URGE THAT YOU ISSUE AN IMMEDIATE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDER OF ALEX ODEH



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OUTSIDE SOURCE

July 17, 1986

Dear [redacted]

Your July 9th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our extremely successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from being explicit in my comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made, and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

Sincerely,

(S)

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
Affairs and Public Affairs

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- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure  
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Response based on information previously furnished by SA [redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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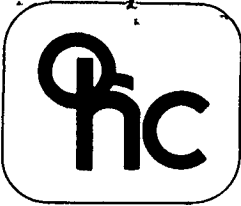
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State University of New York at Stony Brook

OUTSIDE SOURCE

July 30, 1986

Honorable William Webster  
Director, FBI  
10th & Pennsylvania Aves., NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Webster,

I am writing this letter to you because I am extremely troubled by the recent reports indicating that the FBI has dropped its investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh.

I never knew Alex but I am deeply disturbed by the fact that within our country, a citizen can be murdered in cold blood because he speaks out and expresses his feelings. This sets a terrible precedent for the entire nation. We are constantly talking about terrorism abroad, but seem to minimize acts of terrorism within USA.

I am also deeply disturbed by the recent murder of Professor Faroki and his wife, in Philadelphia. I wonder if there is an organized effort to wipe out the Muslim leaders in USA? I hope that your agency will look into that matter as well.

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*

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Honorable William Webster  
Director, FBI  
10th & Pennsylvania Aves, NW  
Washington, DC 20535

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August 2, 1986

William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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My dear Mr. Webster:

Acts of terrorism against  
Arab-American organizations have  
increased alarmingly, the most  
tragic being the killing of Alex Odch.

The prompt and vigorous action of  
law enforcement agencies of the government  
is the most effective deterrent.

I urge that a public statement be  
made concerning action to apprehend  
those responsible for Alex Odch's death.

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Sincerely

ACK'd to [redacted]  
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August 14, 1986

[Redacted Address Block]

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your August 2nd <sup>per 77</sup> communication to Judge Webster regarding the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

SEP 12 1986

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- 1 - [Redacted] - Enclosure

NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [Redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

September 2, 1986



Dear [Redacted]

Your August 18th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about the ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring it to a prosecutive stage.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure  
1 - [Redacted] - Enclosure

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Response based on information previously furnished by SA [Redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to the inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk on June 24, 1986.

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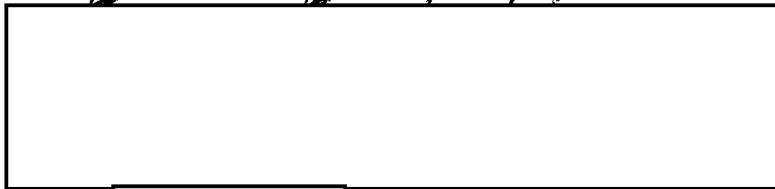
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Dear [Redacted]

Your July 30th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established. The FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

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Although we also share your concern regarding the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife, there is no evidence at this time of a violation falling within the investigative authority of the FBI. We will afford every possible assistance to the local law enforcement authorities investigating these murders in the coverage of out-of-state leads and through the services of our Laboratory and Identification Divisions.

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- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
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Please be assured that we would take immediate and appropriate action should information be developed which would indicate a matter within the purview of the FBI.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [REDACTED] He wrote to the FBI re his concern that the investigation of the murder of Alex Odeh had been dropped. Response based on information previously furnished by SA [REDACTED] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk. ASAC [REDACTED] Philadelphia Office, advised the murders of ISMAIL AL FARUQI and his wife are being investigated by local authorities with assistance offered through the Domestic Police Cooperation program. He further advised that it is his understanding that evidence has been sent to the Laboratory Division for examination. At this time, there is no evidence to indicate a violation within the FBI's investigative authority.

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July 22, 1986

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your July 14th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Edch has been referred to me for reply.

Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from being specific in my comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

Sincerely,

(51) 62-122174-80  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs  
JUL 31 1986

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [Redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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PMS HONORABLE WILLIAM H WEBSTER, DLR

DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, DC

WE CORDIALLY REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ALEX ODEH  
MURDER CASE.

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July 7, 1986

Judge William H. Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenues N.W.  
Wash. D.C. 20535

Dear Bill:

I want to commend you and your organization for continuing to pursue the [redacted] case in the face of what I know must be strong pressure to cover it up. No foreign government, however friendly, should be permitted to get away with purloining our most sensitive secrets and in the process abetting the treason of an American citizen -- with American taxpayers' money at that!

At the same time it has come to my attention that there is a belief that the FBI may no longer be investigating the case of Alex Odeh, an American who was assassinated some months ago on the West coast because of his Arab origin and because he spoke out in a way which antagonized certain groups in this country whose primary loyalty appears to be to a foreign government. dlw

I hope that my information is wrong and that indeed the FBI is continuing to investigate this case. There are many of us who are concerned about how Arab-Americans are increasingly becoming targets in this country and it would be a tragedy if attacks on them, including assassination, were to occur with impunity.

With warmest regards,

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Sincerely,

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Hon. William Webster, Dir.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C., 20535

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Dear sir:

I have not read anything recently in the press concerning your investigation into the terrorist murder of Alex Odeh. Even worse, I am concerned about the possibility that the investigation is being "shelved". This is distinctly a case of terrorism in our own country and yet our government has the audacity to complain about lack of enthusiastic prosecution of terrorists in other countries! How does that look to foreign observers? I am particularly appalled because when there is a case of suspected "Arab terrorism" the investigation is pursued thoroughly and it receives wide press coverage. Is the lack of enthusiastic investigation in the Alex Odeh case due to the fact that trails lead to Jewish terrorists? or to the J.D.L.? I would hope that is not the case! Will you please advise me of the current status of this case.

Sincerely,

*(Signature)*

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Dear William H. Webster:

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Americans must go to their public servants to plead? What kind of an anomaly is that?

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A year will soon have passed to mark the anniversary of Alex Odeh's murder, & the Federal Bureau of Investigation has yet shown no results ~~to~~ of an investigation! Why?

It takes a black man, John Conyers himself a member of a minority, to show concern in this matter in the House of Representatives. (K) (H)

Has American officialdom sold its soul for a mess of pottage? Why can't we expect justice for our tax dollar? 62-172174-78X1  
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Please respond.

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Sincerely yours

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.  
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Hon. William Webster  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th & Pennsylvania Av NM  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Sir,

In today's mail, I learn that the investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh, has been dropped.

Leon Klinghoffer is murdered and a frenzy of action is immediate and limitless. Alex Odeh is murdered and inaction is epidemic and universal. Poor Mr. Odeh. Without the supreme power of the AIPAC Oligarchy to drum on the doors of government, nothing is done. Perhaps the power of the AIPAC Oligarchy was used to stop the investigation, as was the case of the "cover-up" of the 34 dead sailors on the USS Liberty.

As a tenth generation American of English descent, I find the extreme preferences granted to Jewish Americans appalling. An Arab American can expect little more from the government of The United States, than if he were a Palestinian in Israel.

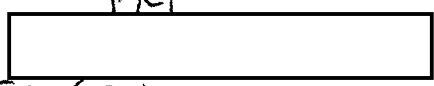
I suggest you investigate the murder of Mr. Alex Odeh, as if his name was Leon Klinghoffer, then we can all be proud.



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William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C., 10th + Penn. Aves N.W.  
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Dear Mr. Webster  
Please be kind enough  
to supply us, as soon as  
possible, with a progress  
report on the Alex Odeh case.

Mr. Odeh was brutally  
murdered by a faction  
deserving expeditious in-  
vestigation and justice  
being done by bringing these  
yellow cowards to trial.

We are sympathetic  
with any assault on Arab-  
Americans — as well as any  
other ethnic group in the U.S.A.

DO NOT DROP THIS STUDY  
INTO ALEX'S MURDER.

Thank you

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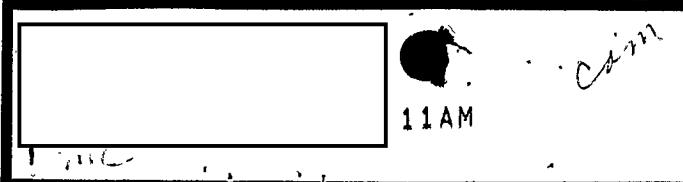
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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DIRECTOR OF FBI 10TH AND PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
WASHINGTON DC 20535

~~SECURITY INFORMATION~~

HAS THE FBI CONTRADICTED ITS PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING THE ALEX ODEH  
CASE? REQUEST IMMEDIATELY THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND THE  
FBI CURRENT POSITION ON THE MATTER.



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July 14, 1986

Hon. William Webster <sup>OUTSIDE SOURCE</sup>  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

I have recently learned that the FBI has dropped its investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh. Needless to say I was very disturbed by this news, since there have not been any positive results in this case.

I would appreciate knowing what progress has been made in the investigation and also if the FBI intends to pursue this case.

Very truly yours,

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August 4, 1986

Honorable Talcott W. Seelye  
5510 Pembroke Road  
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

Dear Talcott Seelye

I appreciate your writing on July 7th to express your support of our efforts in the [redacted] espionage case. The investigation of foreign counterintelligence, regardless of the source country, is one of our highest priorities, and we will continue to work diligently with others in the intelligence community to ensure our national security is protected.

You also mentioned the Alex Odeh investigation and rumors that we have closed our investigation. There is absolutely no truth to these speculations. We are continuing an aggressive investigation which is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I cannot go into specific detail, I can tell you that progress has been made and a definite investigative focus has been established. As you know, Talc, we want to be able to sustain a prosecution through our investigation and this is often the hard part and the part frequently overlooked by those outside law enforcement.

Late last year I met with James Abourezk, Chairman of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and recently corresponded with him to assure him and the members of his Committee of our commitment to resolving this investigation and to solicit their cooperation.

I want to thank you for writing to me about your concerns. I hope you will let me know if any information comes to your attention which might help us put an end to these senseless acts of violence.

With warm regards,

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Sincerely,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is the former Ambassador to Syria and Tunisia and has held various positions with the Department of State. Salutation per Director.

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July 18, 1986

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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Hon. David Dreier  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Congressman Dreier:

Being a native of Southern California, we trust that you are aware of the murder of Alex Odey last year in Orange County.

We hope that you are also aware that the FBI has made no progress nine (9) months after the fact. We are very disturbed by reports that the FBI (unofficially) dropped the investigation or placed it on the "back burner."

Enclosed for your review are copies of letters we recently sent to Director William Webster expressing our concern.

We would very much appreciate it if you would review these letters and inform us of your feelings regarding the matter. We would both like to know what measures you have taken and will take in pressuring the FBI to pursue its investigation into the murder of Alex Odey. D

Thank you very much for your time and attention to our concerns.

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July 19, 1986

Director William H. Webster  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1900 Half Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Webster:

I heard on the news the other night that after nine (9) months, and despite the fact that you view the investigation as one of your upmost priorities, the FBI still has no leads for the murder of Alex Odey in Orange County last year. That's simply mind boggling to me and I can't help but wonder if your mind is boggled as well.

Precisely what is the status of the investigation? Do you have any suspects? Do you know when you might have someone in custody? With all of the technical resources and manpower at your disposal, how could you not make any progress after nine months? Can you please answer those simple questions for me without jeopardizing your investigation or breaching security?

Rest most painfully assured that I, for one, have not forgotten about Alex Odey's murder and I will make certain that neither my congressional representatives, family nor friends forget either.

It's a very sorry day for America when murderers can strut away with total impunity after blowing a citizen in half(!) and leave behind a destitute widow with three pre-school daughters.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter..  
I will very much look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

cc: Hon. David Dreier  
Senator Pete Wilson

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ENCLOSURE

July 19, 1986



Director William H. Webster  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1900 Half Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Webster:

According to recent news reports, the FBI still has no leads in the murder investigation of Alex Odey in Orange County last year. CNN and the Los Angeles Times suggested that the investigation (unofficially) has been dropped or placed on the "back burner."

Is that true? If that is indeed the case, then I firmly believe that you would do this country a great favor by resigning your directorship of the FBI. Then your gutless services could be put to better use at the local ASPCA.

It may interest you to know that Alex Odey worshipped with me at my church in Garden Grove two (2) weeks prior to his murder. (Alex was a Christian, not Moslem, if that makes any difference to you in the grand scheme of things.) Our congregation was very upset about Alex's murder. His widow now supports three little daughters; Alex had no life insurance.

Here's a possible lead for you and I'm quoting directly from The Village Voice, May 6, 1986, "Nice Jewish Boys With Bombs," by Robert I. Friedman:

"When Victor Vancier joined the JDL in 1971, he was a junior at Jamaica High School in Queens. Three years later he was convicted for his first felony---a JDL firebombing of a Soviet diplomat's car in Manhattan. Vancier served two months on Rikers Island....

"Vancier was also one of the JDL's most notorious bombers. [Emphasis mine] After committing a wave of bombings and arsons for which he says he was never arrested, in December 1978 Vancier and another JDL member were convicted of firebombing 11 Egyptian diplomatic targets in New York, Virginia and Maryland. Vancier served 16 months of a 21-month sentence in federal prisons in New York and Florida....In August 1983 Vancier founded a JDL splinter group called the Jewish Direct Action, which claimed responsibility for firebombing the Soviet U.N. diplomatic residence in the Bronx in 1984."

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July 19, 1986  
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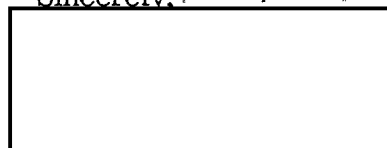
I have a few questions for you and I would appreciate your immediate response:

- o Have you, in fact, dropped the investigation or placed it on the "back burner?"
- o Precisely what is the status of the investigation?
- o If the JDL is one of your prime suspects, then why is the investigation taking so long?
- o What reassurance can you give me that the perpetrator will be brought to justice?
- o How much longer will the investigation take?

I have not for one moment forgotten about Alex Odey's murder and I have no intentions of forgetting about it. I will make certain that neither my congressional representatives, family nor friends forget either.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I will very much look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



cc: Hon. David Dreier  
Senator Pete Wilson

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July 20, 1986

Mr William Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th & Penna Aves N.W.  
Washington, DC 20535

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Dear Mr Webster:

As a second generation Arab American, I am interested in the progress made by the FBI in the murder of Alex Odeh.

One has to wonder at the importance attached to the murder of an American of Arabic descent when contrasted to the barrage of publicity associated with the unfortunate murder of the American Jew Leon Klinghoffer. Is it that we have less importance in the eyes of American Justice or is it that we do not make as good press as any circumstance surrounding the Jewish community. I RESENT THAT! Since my taxes also go to support the state of Israel, much to my chagrin.

Please let me know that the FBI has not forsaken the investigation of the Odeh case.

Yours truly,



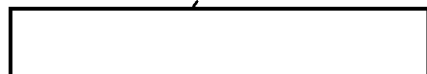
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Dear [Redacted]

Your July 11th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from being specific in my comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [Redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your July 9th letter to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from being explicit in my comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made, and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutive stage.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Response based on information previously furnished by SA [REDACTED] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your July 10th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from being specific in my comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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DE-47

Dear [redacted]

Your July 9th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

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Sincerely,

(5) DE-47 62-122174-84X5  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure  
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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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Re: ALEX ODEH

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July 25, 1986

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[Redacted Address Block]

INTERNAL SECURITY - SUBVERSIVE

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Dear [Redacted Name]

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Your July 9th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

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First, let me assure you that all of us in the FBI deplore any senseless acts of violence, and they cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. Where it is determined that terrorist activity is involved, such as in the death of Mr. Odeh, all of our available resources are committed to investigating the matter. Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from making specific comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

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Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
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NOTE: Response based on information previously furnished by SA [Redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, in response to an inquiry from Honorable James G. Abourezk.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your July 20th communication to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh has been referred to me for reply.

Our investigation into this tragic incident is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. While I am precluded from being specific in my comments about this ongoing investigation, I can tell you that progress has been made and that a definite investigative focus has been established.

I can assure you that the FBI is making every effort to resolve this matter and bring this case to a prosecutable stage.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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Honorable David Dreier  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

DE-98

Dear Congressman Dreier:

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NR 7-73-87-1012  
Your August 11th letter to Assistant Attorney General Bolton, enclosing correspondence from Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] has been referred to the FBI for reply and brought to my attention. Your constituents furnished you copies of their letters to Judge Webster regarding the FBI's investigation into the death of Alex Odeh and we have previously responded to those letters. Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] were assured that our investigation of the murder of Alex Odeh has not been dropped.

Our investigation into this murder, which involved terrorist activity, is continuing in an effort to resolve it and bring it to a prosecutable stage. Our investigation is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. Because of the ongoing status of this case, I am unable to comment specifically about the investigation; however, progress has been made and a definite focus has been established. Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] were advised of our efforts in this regard as well.

I hope this information will assist you in responding to your constituents. Your enclosures are being returned as requested.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

Enclosures (3)

2 - Executive Secretariat - Enclosure  
Room 4416, DOJ

1 - Los Angeles - Enclosures (5)

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1 - Congressional Affairs Office

NOTE: [redacted] and [redacted] wrote to Congressman David Dreier regarding the FBI's investigation into the death of ALEX ODEH and enclosed copies of their letters to Judge Webster regarding this matter. Assistant Director Baker responded to [redacted] on 7/30/86 and [redacted] on 7/31/86 advising them that our investigation was continuing and that every effort was being made to resolve this case and bring it to a prosecutable stage.

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**Nuevevidas International, Inc.**

September 30, 1986

Honorable William Webster,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C. 20535

**OUTSIDE SOURCE**

Dear Judge Webster,

As the former Staff Director of the National Advisory Committee Task Force on Disorders and Terrorism, I find it increasingly difficult to explain to my American Arab friends the apparent lack of progress made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the matter of the attacks this community has suffered on its life and property. They have witnessed the splendid advances the Bureau has made under your direction and it is understandable they should feel their very real concerns have, so far, received rather less than the attention they have clearly deserved. This hard-working, patriotic community harbors a growing suspicion that events over which they have no control, and which they heartily deplore, have come to govern the degree of emphasis the Bureau places upon redressing the wrongs they have suffered and protecting their legitimate interests from a growing threat of domestic terrorism.

The lack of success of the Bureau against a vicious bunch of unprincipled religious fanatics of markedly fascistic bent, unrepresentative of the Jewish people, its traditions and true interests, when contrasted with its record in other departments, is a difficult matter for those who have long felt a certain sense, justified or otherwise, of discrimination in these matters. I am writing to ask whether you might not find some tangible way of reassuring those whose interests are most vitally at stake that no considerations such as those suspected are at work to prevent the Bureau from bringing the full weight of its considerable experience and resources to bear upon the problem of bringing the murderers of Alex Odeh to justice?

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Sincerely,

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ISLAMIC AFFAIRS  
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New York, N. Y. 10017

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September 14, 1986

Honorable Judge William Webster, Director  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20035

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ADVISORY BOARD

Dear Judge Webster:

We are exceedingly disturbed that neither the FBI nor the local police in Philadelphia have been able to apprehend the murderer(s) of Professor and Mrs. Ismael Faruqi, internationally recognized Muslim scholars. Likewise neither the FBI nor the local police in Santa Anna, California have been able to arrest the murderer(s) of Alex Odah, prominent Arab personality in Southern California.

We are not paranoid and do not charge the FBI and the police with anti-Arab and anti-Muslim bias, as some other Arab and Muslim organizations do. But we do feel that nothing has been done in these cases and urge you strongly to allocate a greater measure of the FBI human power and resources to apprehend the guilty persons in these two crimes.

Please advise us as to what the FBI has done, and what additional measures you expect to adopt.

With all good wishes.

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## Terror in Istanbul: A Congregation Is Cut Down

# Attack Shocks Government and Religious Groups

### Denounced in Europe

In Western European capitals, government officials and Jewish groups denounced the attack. In Paris, the French Jewish Federation called on

the French Government to reinforce security at synagogues and other possible targets of anti-Jewish violence. In recent years, France's Jewish population has been the target of numerous bombings and shootings.

The French Foreign Ministry called the attack criminal and expressed its sympathy for the victims and their families. Similar sentiments were voiced in Rome, where a statement from the office of Prime Minister Bettino Craxi said the tragedy reflected "a violent revival of international terrorist crime."

In New York, the president of the American Jewish Congress, Theodore E. Mann, issued a statement saying the

attack demonstrated that Moslem and Palestinian terrorist groups "are motivated not simply by a resurgent nationalism but by degenerate bigotry and religious hatred."

### 'Jews of World' Are Targets

"Clearly it is not merely Israel that is the target of their attacks," the statement said. "It is the Jews of the world, against whom they aim their guns."

The secretary general of the National Council on Islamic Affairs, which claims 10,000 members nationwide, said the attack was "a violation of the letter and spirit of Islam which specifically prohibits any violence

against worshipers or places of worship."

The official, Mohammad T. Mehdi, said the assault was carried out by "mad persons who have murdered not only Jewish worshipers but also have inflicted equally great damage on Islam."

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

November 3, 1986

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[Redacted]  
Nuevevidas International, Inc.  
Post Office Box 25571  
Dallas, Texas 75225

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your September 30th letter expressing concern for the lack of positive results in the murder of Alex Odeh. We in the FBI are aware of and sensitive to the desires of the Arab-American community to have this matter resolved in an expeditious manner.

We strongly believe that senseless acts of violence cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed significant resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. Our investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. In this case, as in all cases, it is of great importance to the FBI to bring about a successful resolution through the eventual prosecution and incarceration of the individual or individuals responsible for the crime. Such goals, however, do not lend themselves to any established schedule. Our efforts are continuing in an attempt to resolve the Alex Odeh case.

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MALE I have met with and have been in correspondence with [Redacted] of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee to assure him and members of his organization of our continued commitment to resolving the Alex Odeh case and to solicit their cooperation.

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[Redacted]

The FBI takes seriously its responsibilities to serve the American people. I appreciate your interest in writing and giving me an opportunity to explain our efforts in the Alex Odeh case.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster  
Director

NOTE: [Redacted] wrote regarding the lack of progress in the Alex Odeh case, which is causing distress in the Arab-American community and asks if there is some tangible way of reassuring those whose interest are most vitally at stake. On 12-6-85, Judge Webster met with James Abourezk, Chairman of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee regarding the murder of Alex Odeh. Judge Webster wrote to him on 12-12-85 and also on 7-10-86 regarding our efforts in the Alex Odeh case.

APPROVED: *Kerry* *SP/D* *HAT*

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February 10, 1987

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The Honorable William Webster  
Director, FBI  
9th and Penn Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Webster:

I don't blame you for being worried about terrorism from the Middle East conflict spilling into America. But I would like to remind you that being pro-Arab or anti-Israeli doesn't make one a terrorist.

Can you imagine how busy your agency would be if you set out to investigate the activities of every Israeli immigrant and every American citizen who supports Zionism?

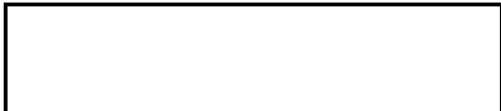
There have been serious acts of terrorism in the United States that have received little attention from your agency.

Where are the terrorists who bombed the ADC Boston office?

Where are the murderers of Alex Odeh?

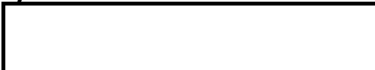
Where are the arsonists who burned the ADC Washington, D.C. office?

Where are the assassins of Ismail Al-Farouqi and his wife?



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March 23, 1987

OUTSIDE SOURCE

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your February 10th letter to Judge Webster has been brought to my attention, and we appreciate your interest in writing.

The FBI is continuing its investigation into the tragic incident causing the death of Alex Odeh, which was determined to be the result of terrorist activity. This case is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. It is of great importance to us to bring about a successful resolution of this case through the eventual prosecution and incarceration of the individual or individuals responsible for this crime. Such goals, however, do not lead themselves to any established schedule. Our efforts in this regard will continue in an attempt to bring the Alex Odeh case to a logical conclusion.

The FBI is also continuing its efforts in the investigation into the bombing outside the Boston Office of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in an effort to determine the perpetrator or perpetrators of this crime. The investigation of the fire at the building which housed the Washington, D.C., office of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee is being conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, since that incident falls within its investigative purview.

- 1 - Boston - Enclosure
- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
- 1 - Philadelphia - Enclosure
- 1 - [REDACTED] (Room 4259) - Enclosure
- 1 - [REDACTED] (Room 5062)

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[REDACTED]

The investigation of the murders of Dr. Ismail al Faruqi and his wife was conducted by local law enforcement authorities, and the FBI afforded every assistance. An individual has been arrested in this case and charged with those murders.

Sincerely,

(S)

William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

NOTE: Based on available information, [REDACTED] is not identified in Bufiles. Responses to her inquiries have been given in connection with other citizen's inquiries along these lines.

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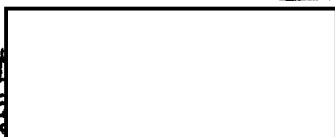
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Sir,

As a concerned resident of the state of Utah, I wish to register my opposition to the unlawful political surveillance of Arabs, Arab-Americans and other immigrant groups undertaken by your agency. The recent arrests of six Palestinians (two of whom are permanent residents of the U.S.) and one Kenyan are a flagrant violation of their civil and political rights and a threat to my own. Freedom of speech and association are constitutionally-protected civil rights. Stop the politically-motivated surveillance and harassment of the Arab community and use your resources to apprehend the terrorists who murdered Alex Odeh in October, 1985!

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Ack 6/13  
date 3/13  
CMM



University of Utah Student

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PATRICIA SCHROEDER  
1ST DISTRICT, DENVER, COLORADO  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
(202) 225-4431  
DISTRICT OFFICE:  
1600 EMERSON STREET  
DENVER, CO 80218  
(303) 866-1230

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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January 29, 1987

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

William H. Webster  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20535

RE:

Dear Mr. Webster:

ALEX Allen

I am writing you on behalf of the above-named constituent who has written my office. I have enclosed the letter for your convenience.

I would appreciate your investigation of this matter.

Please respond to my Denver District Office, RETURNING THE ENCLOSED CORRESPONDENCE.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

*Pat Schroeder*  
Patricia Schroeder  
Member of Congress

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Hon. Patricia Schroeder  
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JAN 23 1987

Mrs Patricia Schroeder  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington,  
D.C. 20515

JAN 16 1987

Mrs Schroeder:

Do you recall the name Alex Oda or Odah?

In this time with our preoccupation with terrorism this is a name which, unfortunately, most of us have forgotten.

Alex was an Arab activist, but a moderate. He did not advocate violence while presenting the cause of the Arabs which is all but buried in the avalanche of Israeli propaganda.

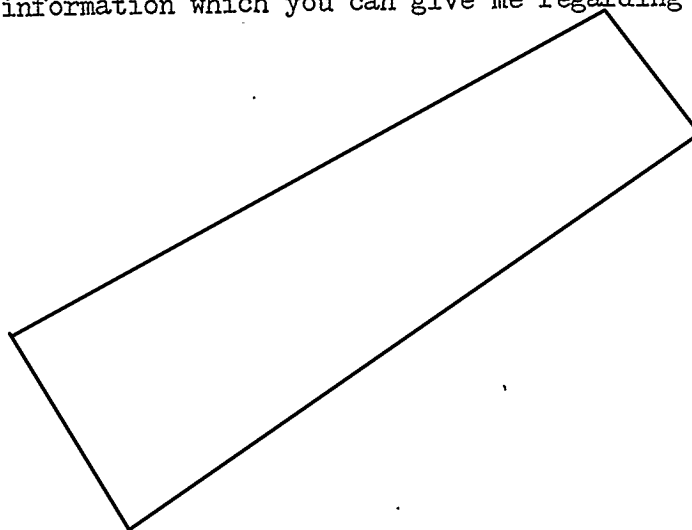
He was murdered by a terrorist bomb which was planted in his office.

At the time of this murder, we were told that this was to have the highest attention of our law enforcement authorities.

Can you tell me, please, if this murder is still under active investigation by the FBI?

I shall appreciate any other information which you can give me regarding this matter.

Thank you.



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to Congresswoman Schroeder  
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February 17, 1987

Honorable Patricia Schroeder  
Member of Congress  
1600 Emerson Street  
Denver, Colorado 80218

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Congresswoman Schroeder:

I have received your January 29th inquiry on behalf of [redacted] asking if the FBI is currently investigating the murder of Alex Odeh.

The FBI is investigating this tragic incident, which was determined to be the result of terrorist activity. This case is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. It is of great importance to us to bring about a successful resolution of this case through the eventual prosecution and incarceration of the individual or individuals responsible for this crime. Such goals, however, do not lend themselves to any established schedule. Our efforts in this regard will continue in an attempt to bring the Alex Odeh case to a logical conclusion.

You may assure [redacted] that the FBI is totally committed to fulfilling its responsibilities to the American people. As requested, your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

DE-120

William H. Webster  
Director

Enclosure

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosures (2)  
1 - [redacted] Enclosures (2)  
1 - Congressional Affairs Office

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted] 1987 [initials] based on available information. He wrote to Congresswoman Schroeder asking if the FBI was still investigating the Alex Odeh case. The FBI is continuing its investigation into the violent explosion that occurred at the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's Office in Santa Ana, California, on October 11, 1985, causing the death of Alex Odeh. Reply has been given in connection with prior inquiries on this matter and has been coordinated with SA [redacted] Terrorism Section, CID.

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13 May 1987

Dear Director Clarke -

Alex Oden <sup>OUTSIDE SOURCE</sup>

Please bring me up to date on the status of the FBI investigation of the Alex Oden murder.... I thank you for your note of 11-1-85 on this incident.

As you undoubtedly know, the local friends & acquaintances here in Orange County are most concerned & upset, and any motion toward arrests & such would be most welcome.

Thank you

62-133114-92

Ack'd to

Dated 5/14/87

NB 10m

March 13, 1987

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear [REDACTED]

Your recent communication to Judge Webster has been brought to my attention. Since the arrests of the individuals you mentioned were made in Los Angeles by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, I am forwarding a copy of your communication to that agency for its information.

The FBI is continuing its investigation into the tragic incident causing the death of Alex Odeh, which was determined to be the result of terrorist activity. This case is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. It is of great importance to us to bring about a successful resolution of this case through the eventual prosecution and incarceration of the individual or individuals responsible for this crime. Such goals, however, do not lend themselves to any established schedule. Our efforts in this regard will continue in an attempt to bring the Alex Odeh case to a logical conclusion.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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- 1 - Commissioner - Enclosure  
Immigration and Naturalization  
Service

425 I Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20536

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure  
1 - [REDACTED] (Room 4445) - Enclosure (detached)  
1 - [REDACTED] Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent protests the arrest of Palestinians in Los Angeles on 1/26/87 and mentions the ALEX ODEH case. We have received other communications which indicate a letter-writing campaign on this subject. SA [REDACTED] Terrorism Section, CID, advised that the arrests were made by INS and letters should be referred to that agency. Reply regarding the ALEX ODEH case has been given in connection with previous inquiries and was previously coordinated with SA [REDACTED] Terrorism Section, CID.

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May 29, 1987

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of May 13th in which you inquire about the status of the FBI's investigation into the death of Alex Odeh.

I want to assure you that the FBI's investigation into this unfortunate incident is ongoing and is receiving appropriate investigative attention. It is of great importance to us to bring about its successful resolution through the eventual prosecution and incarceration of the individual or individuals responsible for this crime. Unfortunately, such goals do not lend themselves to any established schedule. While I cannot discuss specifics due to its ongoing status, every effort is being made to bring this case to a logical conclusion.

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Sincerely yours,

*FIC/mmc*

Floyd I. Clarke  
Assistant Director  
Criminal Investigative Division

1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure  
1 - [redacted] - Enclosure

NOTE: A check of Bufiles show a [redacted] in Bufile [redacted] however, that file was not available for review. Correspondent indicates in his incoming communication that AD Clarke has written to him before, in 1985, about the Alex Odeh investigation, and the above response has been sent to the more recent, similar inquiries.

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Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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School of Fine Arts and Communications  
Department of Mass Communications

April 30, 1987

OUTSIDE SOURCE

ay William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Baker:

I hope all is well with you and yours.

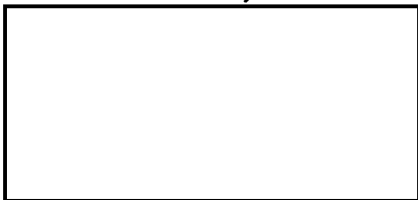
You wrote to me on July 28, 1986, and mentioned that  
"progress has been made (regarding the murder of Alex  
Odeh) and that a definite investigative focus has been  
established."

Could you kindly inform me as to what the status of  
the investigation is as of now?

I am confident that you and your associates are  
actively engaged in attempting to find and prosecute  
those individuals responsible for the death of Mr. Odeh.

Thank you, Mr. Baker.

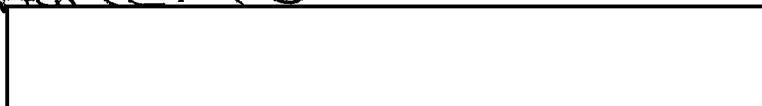
Sincerely,



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Rm. 1031, Communications Building, Edwardsville, Illinois 62026-1775 (618) 692-2230

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May 18, 1987

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

ay [redacted] Communications Building  
Department of Mass Communications  
School of Fine Arts and Communications  
Southern Illinois University  
at Edwardsville  
Edwardsville, Illinois 62026

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of April 30th in which you inquired about our investigation of the murder of Alex Odeh.

I have been assured by our Criminal Investigative Division that this case is ongoing and is receiving appropriate investigative attention. It is of great importance to us to bring about a successful resolution through the eventual prosecution and incarceration of the individual or individuals responsible for this crime. Unfortunately, such goals do not lend themselves to any established schedule. While I cannot discuss specifics due to its ongoing status, every effort is being made to bring the case to a logical conclusion. (W)

We appreciate your words of support and I hope you can understand why I am not in a position to go into further details relative to this case.

Sincerely,  
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62-122174-95  
William M. Baker  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

17 JUN 24 1987

1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure  
1 - [redacted] - Enclosure

NOTE: Above response based on previous responses to inquiries of a similar nature and also discussed with SA [redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, who advised that the case is very much ongoing and a number of leads are being followed.  
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Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

School of Fine Arts and Communications  
Department of Mass Communications

October 30, 1987

William M Baker  
Assistant Director  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Baker:

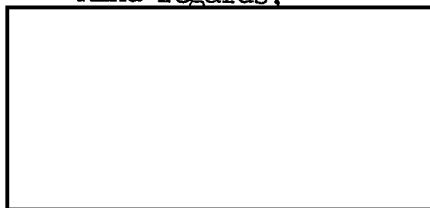
I sincerely hope all is well with you and yours.

I am writing once again concerning what progress is taking place on the terrorist attack which killed Alex Odeh. In your letter to me dated May 18 you noted that "every effort is being made to bring the case to a logical conclusion."

Do let me know what new events, if any, that have taken place. Naturally, I do not expect you to share confidential information but we would be interested in how the Bureau is proceeding to solve the death of Alex.

He was a fine man.

Kind regards,



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November 19, 1987

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Department of Mass Communications  
Southern Illinois University  
at Edwardsville  
Room 1031  
Communications Building  
Edwardsville, Illinois 62026-1775

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Dear [redacted]

Your October 30th letter to former Assistant Director Baker has been referred to me since he is no longer with the FBI.

Your continued interest in the resolution of the murder of Alex Odeh is appreciated. The FBI is continuing to pursue leads in this matter, but because of its pending status, I am not at liberty to comment regarding our procedures or any progress we may have made in this case. To do so could jeopardize the investigation and any possible prosecution in the matter. I can tell you, however, that our resolve to bring this case to a successful conclusion has not diminished.

Sincerely yours,

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Wilt Ahlerich  
Acting Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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1 - [redacted] (Room 4250, TL 242) - Enclosure

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate that [redacted] wrote about the Alex Odeh case and was advised by former Assistant Director Baker of our commitment to resolve this matter by letter dated 5/18/87. SA [redacted] Terrorism Section, CID, advised that they are following up several leads, but that they do not have any suspects.

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HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 8, 1988

Alex Odeh

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Very Truly yours,

Bill Green

Bill Green

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dated 2-23-88  
E. H. Green

22 December 1987

The Hon. Bill Green  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Green,

Thank you very much for your assistance  
in evoking a response for me from the FBI. I  
also wish to thank [redacted] for her help.

I must say that Mr. Milt Ahlerich's letter  
from the FBI, dated 25 November 87, is a mere  
prevarication. As my reply of 17 December  
(photocopy for your perusal attached) shows, it  
is the ninth communication I have directed  
to the FBI on the Alex Odeh assassination case.  
My initial letter was written over two years ago!  
(It did not mention [redacted]) I  
wonder which of the eight letters listed is the one  
Mr. Ahlerich will count as the second communication  
the FBI says it did receive!

I am very, very angry and disgusted. What more  
can I say?

62-122114-98 Very truly yours,  
[redacted]

P.S. Letter on USS Liberty still in the works. Please forgive delay. [redacted]

17 December 1987

Mr. Milt Ahlrich  
Acting Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional & Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Ahlrich,

My Congressman, Bill Green, kindly forwarded your letter of 25 November 1987, and I wish now to make the following comments:

Your records at the FBI are not correct if you insist you've received only two communications from me; I count eight separate communications, all of them directed to Judge William Webster.

Yes, Assistant Director Floyd Clarke did indeed answer my first letter (14 November 1985) on the assassination of my friend and colleague, Alex Odeh, on 10 December 1985. My letter hadn't mentioned my old friend, Special Agent [redacted] nor had I ever even heard of a [redacted] at this time. My letter of 14 November did report that the last name of Alex Odeh's [redacted] had

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appeared in a rather ominous context inside an editorial-page cartoon of a major Los Angeles daily newspaper only a few days before the bomb-blast. It is hard for me to believe that the FBI still doesn't have any follow-up questions for me on this matter. I certainly do have my own ideas on how to pursue this significant lead.

My second letter to Judge Webster was sent on 12 March 1986. In this one I named an individual, known personally to me as [redacted] as a possible suspect in the murders of Alex Odeh and of John F. Kennedy. (Yes, I repeat: John F. Kennedy.)

My third letter, dated 9 April 1986, was sent the next day as a registered letter; the return receipt was signed [redacted] on 14 April. By late March of 1986 my inclination was to forget the whole matter. However, the explosion on board the TWA flight into Athens jolted me with some vivid memories of my visits at [redacted] safehouses (LA, 1984-5). (There were three in all, each of them a one minute walk from the door of my Los Angeles apartment.) [redacted] pointed to his "altitude sensitive detectors" one day as he rambled on about his nifty collection of weapons. I also knew [redacted] to be a frequent flier, and Athens seemed, at least from the way he talked, a favorite stop! Of course, the bad news from Athens jogged my memory sufficiently so as to make the connection:



Athens; altitude sensitive detonator; and a man named [redacted] who described himself to me as a professional killer. At this point I became more determined than ever to have this man investigated.

My fourth communication, dated 8 September 1986, was a letter that expressed concern over the lack of response to my letters of 12 March and 10 April. I also took the opportunity to offer my service by asking for participation in the investigation of Alex Odeh's death.

My fifth communication was a telephone call to Judge Webster. I was only able to leave a message with his [redacted]. This took place on 23 September 1986. There was no return call.

Communication #6 was a letter dated 18 November 1986. In it, I reported a photo, labeled "Oliver North," that appeared in the New York Daily News\*. I said this Oliver North looked very much like the man named [redacted] the subject of my previous letters.

Communication #7 was a letter dated 27 November 1986 and mailed from Frederick, Maryland. (All other communications

\*16 November 1986

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came out of New York City.) I in this letter indicated that a photo on page one of the Thanksgiving Day edition of the Washington Post, which was labeled "Richard Secord," showed the very likeness of the man known to me as [redacted] the subject of my previous letters. The photo, by the way, was the same one the New York Daily News had labeled "Oliver North" on at least two occasions. I asked Judge Webster to disregard my letter of 18 November.

The fact is Judge Webster did disregard my letter of 18 November. That is the only evidence of co-operation that I have from his office! Sad to say, he has consistently ignored all my letters except the very first, which Mr. Clarke dutifully answered. How can this be explained?

I don't know all the answers, but I do recall that [redacted] displayed a "Special Agent" badge on my first visit to one of his safe houses. Actually, he held it out on the palm of his hand; I saw it through the clear plastic cover of the manufacturer's case. I felt a lump in my throat—I really thought for a moment that I had been deputized! After all, this "piece of work" (as [redacted] would say) appeared in my neighborhood a few weeks after

I had applied for a position with the CIA! I for several conversations as we strolled the streets of Mid-Wilshire, [ ] emphatically told me he was not with the CIA. But he would also say he was once with the CIA, and "once you are with the CIA, you're always with the CIA." But he wasn't with the CIA. All this, mind you, was before my first visit when he held out his badge.

[ ] was a stocks and bonds and real-estate oriented individual on an oil base. My sole purpose in encouraging our meetings was to enlist his support for the research and development of my peace proposal for the Middle East. I must confess I eagerly awaited each meeting. [ ] was quite an interesting person. I thought of him as a Howard Hughes reincarnation. Some things I heard him say or saw with my own eyes made me wary, but I stayed the course. After all, he broadly hinted at his links with the President of the United States. One of his letters (I possess all of them) spells it out quite plainly. Much later, when I heard about [ ] and company, I was reminded of an idiosyncrasy of [ ] that manifested itself with nearly perfect consistency: Whenever I introduced a topic related to the Middle East, he would sooner or later in the conversation turn my attention to Central America!

A communication #2, photocopied, is attached for your perusal. I can also provide photocopies of all the above-mentioned letter, as well as [ ] letters, plus other information.

you can't!

20 April 1987

The Honorable Judge William Webster  
Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th & Pennsylvania Avenue N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Judge Webster:

PHOTOCOPY

As you probably already know, I have tried on several occasions in the past 13 months to alert you to possible wrong-doing on the part of an individual personally known to me as [redacted] (last known address: [redacted])  
[redacted]

Inasmuch as I have not yet found any good reason to disregard my own suspicions concerning him, I still consider [redacted] a possible suspect in the assassinations of both Alex Odeh in Santa Ana in October of 1985 and John F. Kennedy in Dallas in November of 1963. I also consider this individual a suspect in some other crimes as well.

Furthermore, in light of photographic evidence evinced in the news media since November of 1986, I continue to hold a tentative conclusion that [redacted] and [redacted] are actually two names used by one and the same person. By the way, [redacted] told me he strongly prefers Austrian banks to Swiss banks.

Finally, bearing in mind the legitimate national security concerns that necessitously obtain in a situation such as this one, I wish to emphasize my strong desire and willingness to continue to proceed with this matter in a highly confidential manner. But what alternative do you leave me when you ignore all of my communications? Please respond.

Very truly yours,  
[redacted]

Photocopy of this letter to: [redacted]  
[redacted] ADC

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\* Between 27 July 1987 and 23 September 87 I left camped enough to build a picture a dozen or so times in various Midtown locations. Such a family is not recommended, there are certain risks involved. Q. S. 17 S. 17 S. 17 S.



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D.C. 20535

November 25, 1987

Honorable Bill Green  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Green:

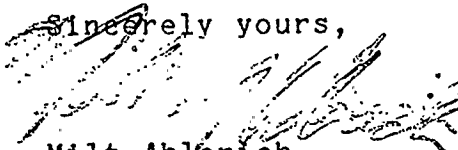
Your November communication in which you enclosed correspondence from [redacted] has been received.

With regard to [redacted] concern with the lack of response to his letters to the FBI, our records here at FBI Headquarters show that we have received only two communications from him. Assistant Director Floyd Clarke of our Criminal Investigative Division wrote to [redacted] on December 10, 1985, advising that we are committing all the FBI's available resources to investigating the death of Mr. Alex Odeh and that copies of his letter and enclosure were being forwarded to our Los Angeles Office which was in charge of the investigation.

[redacted] may be assured that this case is still ongoing and every effort is being made to bring it to a logical conclusion. Copies of [redacted] November 8th letter to you and his November 8th letter to the President will be forwarded to our Los Angeles Office.

Your enclosures are being returned as requested.

Sincerely yours,

  
Milt Ahlerich  
Acting Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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February 23, 1988

Honorable Bill Green  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Green:

I am writing in reference to your February 8th communication enclosing correspondence from [redacted] in which he continues to express his concern with our advising that we have not received all the correspondence he has directed to the FBI.

The information we have received from [redacted] has been furnished to our Los Angeles Office, which is the lead office in the investigation into the death of Alex Odeh. If [redacted] believes he has other information relative to this case, he should send it directly to our Los Angeles Office, which is located in the Federal Office Building, 11000 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90024.

Your enclosures are being returned as requested and copies are being forwarded to our Los Angeles Office.

Sincerely yours,

Milt Ahlerich  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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Enclosures (4)

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosures (5)
- 1 - Congressional Affairs Office

NOTE: [redacted] wrote to Congressman Green continuing to dispute the FBI's lack of acknowledgment of receipt of a number of letters he indicates he has sent to the FBI regarding the Alex Odeh case and the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Congressman Green previously wrote in November, 1987, and he was advised that we have received two letters from [redacted] and one had been acknowledged in December, 1985. He was also advised that the correspondence he enclosed was being forwarded to our Los Angeles Office. [redacted] believes [redacted] is involved in the deaths of Odeh and Kennedy.

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February 22, 1988

Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Criminal Justice  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please be advised that we have received your letter to Director Sessions of February 17, 1988 wherein you request a briefing on the current status of the FBI's investigation of the 1975 murder of Alex Odeh and the FBI's questioning of Arab-Americans in the Dearborn area of Michigan.

We will respond to your request in the near future. In the interim a member of my Congressional Affairs Office will be in contact with your subcommittee staff.

Sincerely yours,

Milt Ahlerich  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

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- 1 - Mr. Ahlerich - Enclosure  
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February 17, 1988

Honorable William S. Sessions, Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 29535

Dear Director Sessions:

I am writing to request a briefing on the current status of the FBI's investigation of the 1975 murder of Alex Odeh, former west coast regional director of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the FBI's questioning of Arab-Americans in the Dearborn area of Michigan.

As you may be aware, the FBI's investigation of the murder of Alex Odeh was a principal focus of a Subcommittee on Criminal Justice hearing on July 6, 1986. During that hearing Assistant Executive Director, Oliver B. Revell, testified that the Bureau had developed suspects in the Odeh case. He also testified that the Bureau had contacted the appropriate Israeli law enforcement agencies and solicited their assistance in identifying the activities of certain members of Jewish extremist groups while they were in Israel.

On November 24, 1987, the Village Voice reported the existence of a memorandum dated July 27, 1987, from Assistant Director, Floyd I. Clark, to Assistant Executive Director, Oliver B. Revell, indicating that FBI requests to Israel for information about murder suspects in the Odeh case now residing in Israel "have been untimely, incomplete and in certain cases no response was rendered."

I would specifically like a briefing on: (a) the contents of the July 27, 1987 memorandum from Clark to Revell; (b) what steps have been taken by the Department of Justice and the State Department to obtain the cooperation of the Israeli government in this case; (c) what information, if any, has the Israeli government provided to the FBI regarding the Odeh murder suspects

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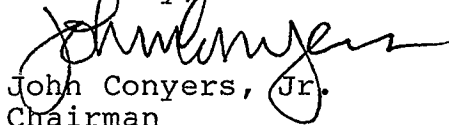
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since the Clark memorandum to Revell. I would also like to review a copy of the July 27, 1987 memorandum from Clark to Revell at the time of the briefing.

It has also come to my attention that FBI agents in the Dearborn area of Michigan have been questioning Arab-Americans about their activities. As you know it is important that such questioning not be based on activities protected by the First Amendment or on the lawful exercise of any other rights secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States. Rather there should be a reasonable indication of possible criminal activity before you initiate such questioning, and there should be as little intrusion into the privacy of individuals as is possible. Therefore, I would also like a briefing on the indications you have of possible criminal activity within the Arab-American community in the Dearborn area, and whether the questioning of Arab-Americans are governed by FBI guidelines on domestic security/terrorism or guidelines on foreign counterintelligence.

Sincerely,



John Conyers, Jr.  
Chairman

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice

A. GILMORE FLUES

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August 18, 1988

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My dear Mr. Sessions -

I from time to time friends ask me what progress the Bureau is making in the Odick case. This as you know is a case that among many confronted you when you took office, and involves the assassination of an American citizen at the door of his home in a California city. As Mr. Odick was active in helping the cause of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza areas of Palestine, the suspicion has been that he was murdered by Jewish, or Israeli, terrorists. Obviously, this is a case that should be pursued with the utmost vigor, and perhaps the Bureau is doing just that. Unfortunately, no word concerning the case has been heard for a considerable length of time. It would be helpful if the Bureau could give a current report on this case.

As an assistant secretary of the Treasury in the Eisenhower Administration with an oversight of the enforcement agencies of that department in that era, I had many occasions to work with and appreciate the work of the FBI. I remain grateful for its

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cooperation.

Thanking you for the Bureau's attention to this letter. I am with kind regards,

Sincerely,

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September 13, 1988

Mr. A. Gilmore Flues  
3519 Chevy Chase Lake Drive  
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Dear Mr. Flues:

I have received your August 18th letter and want to thank you for your kind comment about the work of the Bureau.

You inquired about the status of the FBI's investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh, and we appreciate your interest in the resolution of this case.

The FBI is continuing to pursue leads in this matter, but because of its pending status, I am not at liberty to discuss any progress we may have made in the case. I am sure you understand that to do so could jeopardize the investigation and any future prosecution. I can assure you that our resolve to bring this case to a successful conclusion has not diminished.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions  
Director

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NOTE: We have had prior cordial correspondence with Mr. A. GILMORE FLUES, who served as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in the Eisenhower Administration. The FBI's investigation of the murder of Alex Odeh is in a pending status and above response has been furnished in connection with similar inquiries.

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F.B.I. Director Sessions,  
F.B.I. Headquarters,  
Washington, D.C.

Dec. 20, 1989

Dear Sir:

With the mail-bombs now in newspaper headlines, you're no doubt being saturated with mail, phone calls, etc., with every kind of explanation, every kind of sentiment, so very likely what I say--and what I'm going to ask of you--will likely be ignored. However--what provokes the question may well have some weight in what caused this frightening, unendurable thing!

There was a case in California in which one Arab-American named Alex Odeh was killed entering his own office. A bomb. The media gave it a bit of attention at first, reporting that there were phonecalls saying "Never Again!"--the slogan of the Jewish "Defense" League, who had, apparently, butted head-on into an organization of Arabs led by Odeh. The California (or the city's) police reported that all their investigations indeed pointed solely to the J. "D." L. And, for a fact, the then-leader who'd succeeded Meir Kahane, had himself said over N.Y. radio that "that was the way to handle people like Odeh". Later, when public sentiment was horror at such talk, the guy called back to the talk-shows and denied the JDL had "any part of it and he would sue anyone who said it did!"

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However, when finally the F.B.I. did get into the case, their LAST PUBLIC COMMENT was "yes--every scrap of evidence indeed did point to the Jewish 'Defense' League."

The last statement, because apparently they were ordered to drop EVERY ASPECT OF THIS ODEH BOMB-KILLING--despite the fact that the fatal one was the THIRD attempt.

WHO has power to call off the F.B.I. and let a bomb-death go unsolved and unpunished? Ronald Reagan was president then. Did he? Why?

What I'm saying, here, is: If somehow it has been construed as Legal and permissible for the J.D.L. to kill by bombs--why would FBI or anyone else think other nut-groups wouldn't say "Hey--why don't WE try it?" HAVE you conceded the J.D.L. had--has!--that right? I hope with every fiber of myself that you get these new bombers and do it fast, and they get the death penalty, equally fast. BUT!--can you "write off" Odeh's death as "unimportant"--or "someone's 'RIGHT'" to

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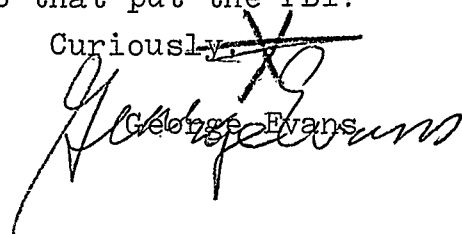
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kill a pro-Arab Arab?

I'm a nobody--just another citizen; but I write and draw an internationally syndicated story-strip featuring an FBI agent, and for my ten years on it, I've tried to make him and every aspect of the FBI decent, respectable, admirable. I truly want to think it IS! And I don't even buy the ugly tripe downers are spewing about Hoover. But if you can put your all into the apprehending of these current bomb-terrorists, and still let<sup>90</sup> the Odeh murder by equally brutal, conscienceless terrorists...where DOES that put the FBI?

Curiously,

  
George Evans

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January 25, 1990

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Mr. George R. Evans  
 203 Frederick Street  
 Mount Joy, Pennsylvania 17552

Dear Mr. Evans:

Director Sessions has received your December 20th letter, and he asked me to thank you for your support of the FBI. We always welcome the observations of the citizens we serve, such as you, and we appreciate your interest in seeing that those responsible for the bombing death of Alex Odeh are brought to justice.

Contrary to your belief, the FBI has not closed its investigation into Mr. Odeh's murder. On October 28, 1985, this case was designated a domestic terrorist incident and is still being actively investigated. In view of the pending status of this investigation, I am unable to discuss our investigative procedures or provide an update on the progress we have made. I am sure you understand that to do so could jeopardize the investigation and any future prosecution. I can assure you that we are striving to bring the perpetrator or perpetrators to justice and our resolve to successfully conclude this case has not diminished. We do not terminate our investigations based on the influence of outside individuals or groups with self-serving interests. Our investigations are normally concluded when all investigative leads have been exhausted or when the appropriate United States Attorney's Office has declined prosecution. I want to assure you that we will continue our efforts to complete this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. George R. Evans

NOTE: GEORGE R. EVANS wrote to Director Sessions in the mistaken belief that the FBI has dropped its investigation into the bombing murder of ALEX ODEH, the Southern California Regional Director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. Mr. EVANS inquired, "WHO has power to call off the F.B.I. and let a bomb-death go unsolved and unpunished?" Information provided by SA [redacted] Counterterrorism Section, CID, indicates that this investigation is still ongoing. This response is based on replies to prior inquiries pertaining to the ALEX ODEH case. Bufiles contain no information to preclude this response and the only information relating to GEORGE R. EVANS is an FOIA request.

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Director William Sessions,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
F.B.I. Bldg, Washington, D.C. 20524

Jan. 27, 1990

Dear Mr. Director:

With the F.B.I. conducting its swift and relentless search for the individual of group responsible for the mail bombs of recent news, and the deaths from them, it recalls to mind a previous death by a terrorist bomb. In fact, if memory serves, it was the third bomb-attempt that killed one Alex Odeh, an Arab-American in California.

Because I write and draw a newspaper syndicate story strip that began life as "Secret Agent X-9" written first by Dashiell Hammett, I have a more than passing interest in the FBI and its cases, techniques. While it is now quite loosely tied with "F.B.I." of a fictional era, I do follow the Bureau's doings as a store of plot ideas, and when I took on this thing ten years ago, they were kind enough to send me some booklets, photos, articles on some more unusual facets.

I recall following the Odeh killing, and the newspapers reported that it was followed by "usual" telephone calls from a group known as "the Jewish Defense League"--a slogan: "Never again!" And after a longish investigation, California police announced that all evidence did indeed point to the J.D.L. And, living then near New York City, and an addict of "talk radio shows", I heard the man who replaced founder Rabbi Meir Kahane when he phoned in to boast about "we got that 'anti-Semite'!" Later he was on again to deny this. However, the FBI was finally called in, and they too reported all evidence did lead to the Jewish Defense League.

But--at that point everything disappeared from the news. Maybe hotter subjects grabbed headlines. And now the new bombings bring it to mind, and I wonder if you'd comment on the ending of the Odeh case. Was anyone arrested? Tried? What result? If not--with the evidence cited, why not? And if not concluded, what's being done about that? For in the eyes of the Bureau, I believe that an Arab-American's life is just as important as a Federal Judge's. As it should be for everyone.

I hope you'll have someone bring this case's history up to date for me. I'll very much appreciate it. And it might be future story fodder.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE R. EVANS

No info necessary.  
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October 15, 1991

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Inspector in Charge  
Office of Public Affairs  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear [Redacted]

Alex Odeh

Thank you for your letter of October 1.

Could you kindly provide me with the most recent figures relating to the numbers and/or percentages of minorities/women employed with the Bureau? Also, does the Bureau intend to make available statistics concerning the number of Arab-Americans employed by the Bureau? If so, when?

I sincerely appreciate your assistance and concur with your thoughtful statement: "the makeup of the FBI should clearly be representative of the people the Bureau serves."

Wishing you and yours peace and good wishes.

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## OUTLOOK

Commentary and Opinion

# Our Cultural Demon—The 'Ugly Arab'

## Ignorance, Economics Create An Unshakeable Stereotype

By Jack G. Shaheen

ON AUG. 8, as U.S. troops began arriving in Saudi Arabia, the Los Angeles office of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee found a threatening message on its answering machine. Among other things, it linked Arabs to excrement and Arab women to prostitution. This is the same ADC chapter where, five years ago, poet and activist Alex Odeh was killed when a bomb exploded in his office.

A few days later, a doctor of Arab descent in San Francisco was interviewed by a newspaper on the situation in Iraq and Kuwait. He quickly received a letter threatening his life and the lives of his children.

Last Thursday, an Arab-American newspaper editor in Detroit was told by a caller that if Americans in Kuwait were harmed, "I will kill you." On the same day, an Arab-American businessman in Toledo was beaten up by a group of bigots who, between punches, referred to events in the Mideast.

It didn't matter that these people, whose victimization is reported in ADC's violence log, are Americans. Instead, they have become stereotypical "Ay-rabs." Such hate crimes, including bombings, beatings, murder threats, window smashings and racist graffiti, rise steeply when the Mideast is in turmoil. In the wake of the Achille Lauro hijacking, Americans of Arab heritage became Palestinian terrorists; after the bombing of Libya, they became Libyan "fanatics." For the prejudiced, all Arabs, including Americans with Arab roots, have now become so many "camel jockeys," "ragheads" and "sandsuckers."

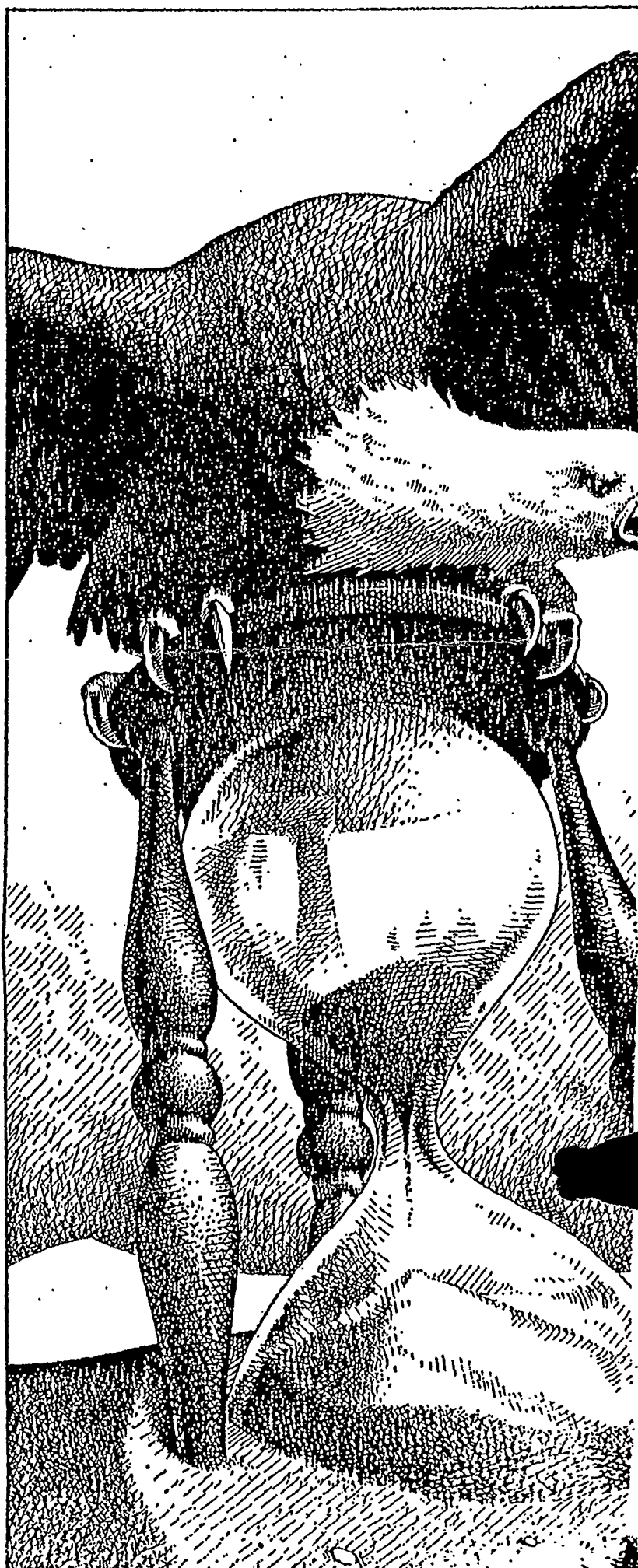
Such violence, whether in deed or language, obviously arises from stereotyping. Invidious portraits of Arabs are in fact embedded in the American psyche. For decades image-makers, particularly motion picture and television writers, have perpetuated these negative Arab images.

Plato recognized the power of fiction when he asserted, "Those who tell the stories also rule society." In more recent times, communications scholar George Gerbner has noted that "If you can control the storytelling of a nation, you don't have to worry about who makes the laws."

More than 400 feature films and scores of television programs have shaped Arab portraits. Their audiences have been bombarded with rigid, repetitive and repulsive depictions that demonize and delegitimize the Arab.

I recently asked 293 secondary school teachers from five states—Massachusetts, North Carolina, Arkansas, West Virginia and Wisconsin—to write down the names of any humane or heroic screen Arab they had seen. Five cited past portraits of Ali Baba and Sinbad; one mentioned Omar Sharif and "those Arabs" in "Lion of the Desert" and "The Wind and the Lion." The remaining 287 teachers wrote: "none."

Screen scenarios, which act as visual textbooks, se-



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# Our Cultural Demon

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lectively frame two Arab male types: the grotesque terrorist and the rich, corrupt, dimwitted, sneaky, hook-nosed, fat, oily and oversexed sheik.

An early version of the sheik image established itself when Rudolph Valentino starred as Ahmed in "The Sheik" (1921). A prominent set: Arabs live in the desert, ride camels, fight among themselves and buy women at slave markets. "When an Arab sees a woman he wants, he takes her," boasts Ahmed.

The films of the 1940s offered yet another portrait: the sheik-as-buffoon. As a teenager, I recall seeing Bob Hope and Bing Crosby poking fun at Sheik Kasem in "Road to Morocco" (1942). They pass out exploding cigarettes and give the Arabs "hot feet."

In "Malice in the Palace" (1949), the Three Stooges make fools out of dimwitted natives in the "Cafe Casbahbah, meeting place of the Black Sheep, Bah-Bah-Bah." Out to recover a precious diamond, our heroes go to the city of Jerkola and later to Shmowland, where they make the emir stand on his head in a fly pond.

Contemporary sheik is more complex and threatening. Inept in the bedroom and on the battlefield, he is projected as ruthless, determined to:

- Buy media conglomerates. In "Network" (1977), Peter Finch as a news anchorman equates Saudis with "medieval fanatics." He warns: The "Saudi Arabian Investment Corporation" will "own what you read and what you see." The "Arabs are simply buying us," Finch says.

- Destroy the world's economy. In "Roll-over" (1981), the Saudis appear as a sinister force. As one Saudi tells the Americans: "Your economy is ruined. It's 'the end of the

world as you know it." (In fact, the British, Canadians and Japanese, not Arabs, are "buying up" America.)

While promoting "Rollover," the star, Jane Fonda, said that Arabs "are unstable, they are fundamentalists, tyrants, anti-woman, anti-free press. We have allowed Arabs to have control over our economy."

- Use nuclear weapons against us. In "Wrong is Right" (1982), Sheik Awad gives terrorists two nuclear bombs to drop on New York and Tel Aviv. A U.S. general tells the president how to resolve the crisis: "Just push the button. No more Arabs. No more oil crisis."

- Influence foreign policies. In "Protocol" (1984), Goldie Hawn is whisked off by a sheik to the mythical kingdom of Ohtar (El Ohtar is 'rathole' spelled backwards). Ohtar's potentate will not permit America to build a military base in his "spit of sand" unless Hawn joins his harem. Eventually, Hawn escapes and advises congressmen: We better think twice before "inviting foreign [Arab] big shots to the White House." Negotiating with Arabs is dangerous, she says, and our country's security is at stake.

- Kidnap Western women. Consider "Bolero" (1984) and "Jewel of the Nile" (1985). In "Jewel," another palace-in-the-sand setting features heroine Kathleen Turner as the hostage of an Arab ruler seeking "to unite the tribes of the Nile." "Bolero," with Bo Derek, features a young sheik.

Sheik: "If you have your virginity, I want it."

Derek: "I don't have it any more."

Sheik: "No matter. I take you now like my father took my mother."

- Prevent America's politicians from developing alternative energy supplies. In "Power" (1988), sheiks use oil money to bankroll an Ohio politician for the Senate. Because the price of Arab "oil keeps falling," the candidate is told to stop America's solar energy projects.

Recently, the top-rated TV soap opera "Santa Barbara" focused on two desert sheiks at war with each other. What did "Santa Barbara's" viewers learn about these Arabs? Arabs live in tents or prison cells. Their wardrobes consist of flowing robes, baggy pants or belly-dance outfits. Sheiks have inept advisers, hold Americans hostage, kill fellow Arabs, idolize "mystical" stones, have harems, persecute women and lust only after Western blondes.

There is a dangerous and cumulative effect when ugly screen images of Arabs remain unchallenged. To me, the sheik image parallels the image of the Jew in Nazi-inspired German films. In "Jud Suss" (1940), for example, the Jew was made the scapegoat for Germany's problems. Today, the Arab lurks behind the misfortunes, evils and imbalances in our own economic and cultural life.

As for the Palestinian image, there are numerous similarities between the subhuman Indian of yesterday's westerns and the dehumanized Palestinian in today's dramas. In the 1980s, 10 of the 11 theatrical films that focused on the Palestinian portrayed him as falling on unwary and unarmed peoples (the 1983 "Hanna K." was the exception). Like the Indian, he is Enemy No. 1, a fanatical, unsightly savage who abducts, abuses and butchers men, women and children.

The Palestinian lacks a human face. Depicted as an international killer, his terror is directed at civilized Europeans, Israelis, Americans, other Arabs and fellow Palestinians. Audiences almost never see Palestinians as victims.

Television specials such as "Hostage Flight" (1985), "Terrorist On Trial" (1988) and "Voyage of Terror: The Achille Lauro Affair" (1990) duplicate the film image. Consider how television's image-makers depict two tragic deaths. Alex Odeh, the Los Angeles poet, and Leon Klinghoffer were both killed by terrorists in October 1985. Viewers saw two TV movies based on Klinghoffer's death. Odeh was virtually forgotten.

Meg Greenfield, editorial page editor of

The Washington Post, wrote, "Now you hear and see a tendency to invest all Arabs with the attributes of the vicious terrorist. If we succumb to this [stereotype] we will be doing in the very people we should be trying to protect."

The Arab woman fares no better than Arab men. Beginning with the 1897 film "Fatima's Dance," asexual, chubby-cheeked belly dancers have dominated such screen portrayals. Pictured as harem maidens and chattel, Arab women are seen coiling their garments or carrying jugs on their heads as they trek across the desert behind the camels. The sins are of omission and commission. In fact, most Arabs have never mounted a camel. Nor have they seen an oil well, or lived in a tent.

Why the persistent negative image? One reason is ignorance. Some image-makers do not know Islam. Not all Arabs are Moslems, and not all Moslems are Arabs. Most Moslems live not in Arab countries but in Indonesia, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Worse, Hollywood has felt free to denigrate Islam. In "Adventure in Iraq" (1943), Moslems are "devil-worshippers," bowing before images of serpents.

Economics is another reason. Shows that dehumanize Arabs attract viewers and make money. Status-quo prejudice is not easily diluted, especially when it is profitable. The 2.5 million Arab-Americans lack sufficient clout as a pressure group or at the box office.

Silence too plays its role. Few critics, scholars or politicians speak out against the stereotype. Why? They fear public condemnation of "ugly Arab" portraits could be construed as being pro-Arab and anti-Israel. The Middle East conflict and the emotions it raises play a particularly telling role in the creation of negative Arab stereotypes.

Arab-Americans are virtually unrepresented in the film and television industry; only a handful work as performers, executives or creators. They are unable to project a much-needed humane Arab identity.

Two Arab-American actors, Nicholas Kadi and F. Murray Abraham, are active in

the industry. When asked what the "F" in F. Murray Abraham stands for and why it is just an initial, the actor said: "F stands for Farid. When I first began in this business I realized I couldn't use Farid because that would typecast me as a sour Arab out to kill everyone. As F. Murray Abraham, I had talent. As Farid Murray Abraham, I was doomed to minor roles."

Kadi, an actor with Iraqi roots, makes his living playing terrorists in such films as the current release "Navy Seals." Kadi laments that he does "little talking and a lot of threatening—threatening looks, threatening gestures." On screen, he and others who play Arab villains say "America," then spit. "There are other kinds of Arabs in the world," says Kadi. "I'd like to think that some day there will be an Arab role out there for me that would be an honest portrayal."

The civil rights movement of the 1960s not only helped bring about more realistic depictions of various groups, it curbed negative images of the lazy black, the wealthy Jew, the greasy Hispanic and the corrupt Italian. These images are mercifully rare on today's screens. Conscientious imagemakers and citizens worked together to eliminate the racial mockery that had been a shameful part of the American cultural scene.

"The great enemy of truth is very often not the lie—deliberate, contrived and dishonest," said President Kennedy, "but the myth, persistent, persuasive and realistic." Ugly portraits on video cassettes and cable and television systems enable the stereotype of the past to fester along with today's injurious and abusive portraits.

Just as bigots have used the Gulf crisis to express prejudice, so could image-makers use it to reinforce prejudice. Of course, they could opt instead to correct their old prejudicial portraits. But as TV critic Howard Rosenberg has observed, when it comes to relinquishing established stereotypes, the image-maker is like "Peanuts's" Linus clutching his security blanket. He knows it's wrong. But he doesn't want to give it up.

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Department of Mass Communications  
Southern Illinois University at  
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Edwardsville, Illinois 62026

Dear [redacted]

Al. O. H.

Your October 15th communication has been received, and I appreciate your continued interest in FBI hiring practices and Arab Americans.

In response to your request for statistics, as of October 31st the FBI had 23,976 employees. Of that number, 10,808 are women and 6,179 are minorities.

We currently have no plans to release statistics regarding the number of Arab Americans employed by the Bureau. Since the FBI is in concert with regulations of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1801 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20507, you may wish to contact that agency for any available statistics it may have concerning employment of Arab Americans.

Sincerely yours,

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Inspector in Charge  
Office of Public Affairs

- 1 - Chairman - Enclosures (2)  
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
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Attention SAC: ReBulet 10/1/91 to correspondent with copy to your office.
- 1 - [redacted] (Room 7901) - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Correspondent, a [redacted] currently asked for recent figures relating to the numbers and /or percentages of minorities/women employed with the Bureau. He also wants to know if the Bureau intends to make available statistics concerning the number of Arab Americans employed by the FBI. He previously wrote concerning an article he read in Time magazine about Director Sessions' decision to recruit minority students and to bring ethnic and gender diversity to the Bureau. He asked how many Americans of Arab heritage are with the FBI. He was advised we have no statistics on the number of Arab Americans employed by the Bureau. Bufiles [redacted] and [redacted] are listed for [redacted] however, they could not be located for review. Statistics and information concerning EEOC were furnished by [redacted] Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Affairs.

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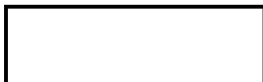
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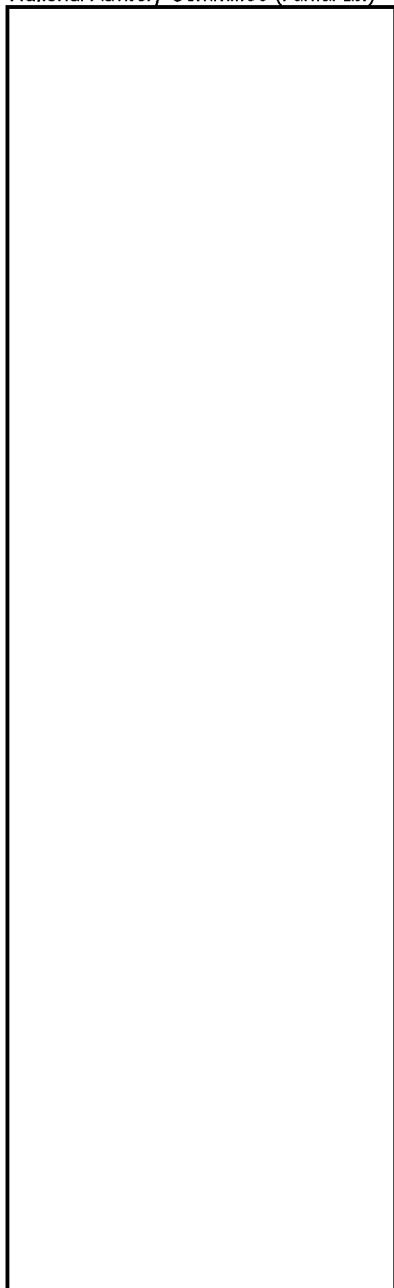
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Alex Odeh (1944-1985)



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The Honorable William S. Sessions  
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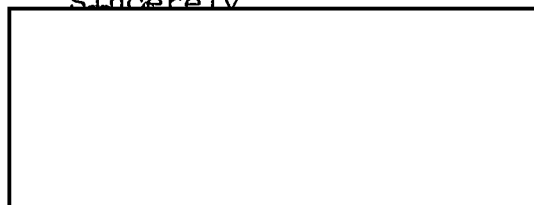
Dear Judge Sessions:

It was nice seeing you and Mrs. Sessions at the farewell party for Egyptian Ambassador El-Reedy last month. I have enclosed herein copies of letters sent to President Bush and Attorney General Barr respectively concerning the cases of [redacted] and slain ADC leader Alex Odeh. As the letters indicate, we are asking that the Administration renew its request for cooperation in the Odeh case to the new government of Israel.

During our last meeting at the FBI in which Alex's widow was present, we were once again reassured of the high priority status of this case within the Bureau. We were also informed that a review of the case would be made by a top investigator. We would appreciate receiving the results of that review and an opportunity to meet with you to discuss this case at your earliest convenience.

I look forward to your favorable reply and I remain

Sincerely



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President George Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear President Bush:

I read with great satisfaction today that the Department of Justice will now be able to pursue its case against [redacted] and other suspects regarding their theft of U.S. foreign aid to Israel.

In light of the apparent willingness of the Rabin government to be more cooperative with American law enforcement agencies, we are hopeful that same sense of cooperation will be extended to the case of Alex Odeh. Alex was the ADC West Coast regional director and was assassinated on October 11, 1985. The three Israeli-American suspects in the case remain at large and under Israeli protection.

We fully concur with the Departments of Justice and Defense that the Administration should declare Israel in default of its aid and loan agreements until Tel Aviv complies completely in the U.S. investigation of the Dotan and Odeh cases.

We are convinced of the high priority that the Odeh case is receiving with the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. But for the intransigence of the Israeli government heretofore, this case involving the terrorist bombing of an American citizen would have been resolved. We believe that your personal involvement in this case will certainly make the difference and ask for the same.

We look forward to hearing from you. With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

bcc.: Judge William Sessions





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July 29, 1992

The Honorable William Barr  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Attorney General Barr:

I read with great satisfaction today that the Department of Justice will now be able to pursue its case against [redacted] and other suspects regarding their theft of U.S. foreign aid to Isreal.

In light of the apparent willingness of the Rabin government to be more cooperative with American law enforcement agencies, we are hopeful that same sense of cooperation will be extended to the case of Alex Odeh. As you know, Alex was the ADC West Coast regional director and was assassinated on October 11, 1985. Since three Israeli-American suspects in that case remain at large and under Israeli protection I call upon you to raise this case with the Rabin government.

We believe that the Department of Justice should continue urging the Administration to declare Israel in default of its aid and loan agreements until Tel Aviv complies completely in the Dotan and Odeh cases.

When we met after your appointment and confirmation you impressed us with your intimate knowledge of the Odeh case and sincere intentions and determination to resolve this matter.

We look forward to hearing from you. With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,



bcc.: Judge William Sessions ✓



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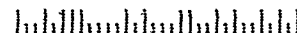
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**From:** Office of Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

**To:** Official Indicated Below

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of July 29, 1992.  
Mrs. Sessions and I also enjoyed seeing you at Ambassador  
El-Reedy's farewell party and hope that we will see each other  
again in the near future.

As you indicated, the Alex Odeh murder continues to be  
a high FBI priority and a review of that investigation is  
currently under way. You can be assured that if that review  
turns up any new information, that information will be  
aggressively pursued. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to  
discuss the details of pending investigations. However, please  
rest assured that we are devoting sufficient time and manpower to  
the resolution of the Odeh killing.

If you need any further information, please contact  
Deputy Assistant Director Danny O. Coulson at (202) 324-4262.

Sincerely yours,

**William S. Sessions**

William S. Sessions  
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